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Bridge plan in village

A SCHEME to replace Pelsall's landmark York's Bridge, which dates back to the 1800s, with a new bridge at its side has been put forward by council bosses.

Parts of Pelsall North Common would be lost under a ground swap plan involving a nearby pond. It is now planned to save the existing historic bridge in Norton Road and build a new one alongside it.

It means that additional land from the common is required to build the new structure and roadway. The scheme will mean deregulation of part of the site. Moat Farm pool, at the junction of Norton Road and Lichfield Road, will be re-designated common land in exchange.

There is currently a 10-ton weight restriction on the bridge, which carries Norton Road over the Wyrley and Essington Canal. Due to its narrow carriageway, there have been 10 reported accidents and 16 casualties at the site since 1999.

The council said that the lack of pathways means that pedestrians and cyclists are at risk, as villagers have made it clear that they do not want to lose the historic bridge.

The authority insists that the impact of the scheme on Pelsall North Common will be minimal. Consultation is expected to start as early as next month.

Bus lanes to be watched

A MONTH-LONG amnesty is still anticipated at the start of a crackdown on drivers illegally using bus lanes in Walsall.

The use of a mobile camera is planned by Walsall Council but has been held up by "technical glitches" - See Page 2.

The council agreed a policy where those caught by the camera will be given a £60 fine, which will be halved if paid within 14 days. Those who fail to pay within 56 days will see the bill rise to £90.

U-TURN ON CUTS AND PRICE HIKES

PLANS to increase school meal prices in Walsall have been scrapped after more than £180,000 worth of cuts were dropped by council chiefs.

The controversial move to introduce a 5p rise in meals has been axed while the suspension of the garden waste service is also being reduced.

Other proposals for a £22,000 cut to music services at the Forest Arts Centre, in Hawbush Road, Leamore, have also been binned while the level of reductions for parks and ground maintenance has decreased.

Council bosses have decided not to pursue £187,000 of cuts put forward as part of the draft budget despite needing £13 million savings in the next year.

The rise in school prices would have generated an extra £20,000 but it prompted concerns from parents.

The authority said the decision to reduce cuts to grounds maintenance and green spaces by £110,000 will ensure the presence of rangers in parks at weekends.

Save

Linda Mason has campaigned against any reduction in funding amid concerns over the impact of fewer park rangers and the risk of more anti-social behaviour in parks.

The organiser of the Save Walsall Green Spaces and Countryside Services group said the reduction in cuts as outlined by the council was not enough.

She said: "It is still far, far worse than what we have now. I don't think they have listened hard enough, I don't think they realise the implications."

The council said although people supported the idea to reduce the garden waste col-

Report by
Craig Hughes

lection service over winter, they felt that closing in November was too early.

The council will instead keep the service open in November but then close it until the end of March, costing £35,000.

A consultation period saw almost 500 people take part and give their views on the proposed cuts and income-raising plans.

Council leader Mike Bird said: "We've given people the chance to have their say and we've listened by removing or changing five of the proposals."

He added: "We'd love to be able to remove or adjust more but it's only fair and honest to say that there will be many tough decisions still ahead of us."

The final £630m budget for the next financial year is due to go before the full council next month.

Finance boss councillor Chris Towle said: "This shows without question we've given people the opportunity to tell us what they think is important before we shape the final stages of our budget for the next financial year."

"We're very, very keen to preserve frontline services for the people of Walsall."

Snow fun and no fun in big freeze



Walsall Mayor Councillor Dennis Anson and Rev Colin Gibson planting yew trees in High Street despite a blizzard

HUNDREDS of schools closed and motorists faced a slippery struggle to work after heavy snow hit the borough and the rest of the region.

A sledger was taken to hospital after a fall at Barr Beacon but for most youngsters the enforced break from their studies meant a chance for fun in the snow as they built snowmen or went sledging.

Despite the icy conditions services providing meals-on-wheels to the elderly and vulnerable still managed to deliver their lifeline service.

Temperatures plunged to -6C (21F) overnight into the early hours of Tuesday, causing snow to turn to ice on



If you haven't got a sledge, use a mate - funseekers at Barr Beacon take advantage of the weekend snow



If wasn't much fun for those who had to get to work - this motorist was struggling in Beechtree Road, Walsall Wood

the roads, while forecasters warned of freezing fog and more snow flurries.

West Midlands Police said the force took 1,955 999 calls on Sunday compared to a daily average of 1,620.

Stolen

Three vehicles were stolen from outside homes in Willenhall as their owners left them running to thaw out.

A silver BMW was stolen from outside a home in Nightingale Crescent, New Invention, last Thursday. A black Vauxhall Corsa and a blue Renault van were both taken from outside addresses in Delamere Road, Short Heath, shortly after.

Blitz on bins is a success

THE number of bins not emptied as part of a controversial recycling crackdown in Walsall borough has fallen.

But figures show 2,320 green bins were still rejected during latest rounds for containing the wrong rubbish.

Council chiefs have confirmed the blitz will continue, despite Government plans to soften penalties.

More than 11,000 bins were left uncollected after being found to contain the wrong kind of rubbish, such as food waste, general waste and nappies, when the drive was launched.

Rejected

Since then, the number of bins not collected in Walsall has fallen.

Councillor Tom Ansell said: "We thank residents for their ongoing efforts to recycle, which are contributing to a significant reduction in the number of loads being rejected."

"At the start of our awareness campaign last November 11,000 bins were being rejected, compared to last week when 2,320 bins were rejected, which equates to 2.31 per cent of the borough's total. This is due to residents playing their part."

The campaign was launched due to the rising amount of waste being taken to landfill, costing taxpayers thousands.

Taxpayers pick up bill

MORE than £170,000 of taxpayers' cash was used by the Government on advisors to help it decide what to do with sites previously owned by axed regional development agency Advantage West Midlands.

It means taxpayers have both footed the £7 million redundancy bill for the quango and for external firms to work on the agency's projects. This included £27,000 to consider development at the old Lex site at Walsall Waterfront.

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MP calls for better diagnosis of dementia

WALSALL North MP David Winnick has quizzed health bosses over what action is being taken to improve the rate of dementia diagnosis in the borough.

Labour MP Mr Winnick has written to Salma Ali, managing director of NHS Walsall, and Rob Bacon, chief executive of the Black Country Cluster, raising the issue.

Mr Winnick said: "It is estimated there are 670,000 people in England suffering from dementia and the expectation is that this number will unfortunately double in the next 30 years.

Families

"Apart from the intense sufferings caused to the individuals, as well as

their families, the cost to society is somewhere in the region of £19 billion a year. This, in fact, is more than the cost of cancer, heart disease or stroke."

Mr Winnick said the emphasis now for the Department of Health is for authorities to drive up diagnosis rates.

The best-performing primary care

trust currently has a diagnosis rate of 75 per cent - Walsall's rate is 36 per cent.

Mr Winnick said: "In my letters to the heads of both Walsall and the Black Country health organisations, I have asked what action is being taken to improve the diagnosis rate in this borough, and what plans there are to deal with this."

20mph limits spread

MORE than 500 roads in Walsall are now subject to reduced 20mph speed limits to cut accidents and reduce pollution.

Walsall Council has 20mph limits in place on 550 roads - around 18 per cent of the streets in the borough.

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "We are in the process of reviewing our approach relating to the introduction of 20mph speed limits and will, following trials, develop a procedure to deal with requests."

The 20mph roads include the Pool Hayes estate in Willenhall and the Yew Tree and Tamebridge estates.

Council committees across the region have brought in the new limits.

In Wolverhampton there is a 20mph speed limit inside the ring road and a further 18 20mph zones in residential areas.

Bosses say they are considering trialling an expansion of the limit to more areas.

Housing

In Sandwell new housing developments are made 20mph zones where possible. Council spokesman Gurdip Thandi said: "Given the current interest in the concept of default 20mph limits, we continue to monitor local authority areas where such schemes have been implemented to understand the relative cost benefits between these and targeted schemes."

Dudley Council decided last year to allow schools to apply for 20mph limits on nearby roads.

Library clubs need the help of volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are needed at Walsall Wood library to help with the running of clubs.

The library in Coppice Road needs adult helpers to get involved with their Computer Buddy Club, Adult Reading Group, Chatterbooks and children's activities.

Organisers are asking people to spare just a few hours a month to help.

For more information or to apply drop in at Walsall Wood Library, Coppice Road, or call (01922) 655572. The closing date for applicants is Monday.

Technical 'glitch' hits spy car plan

MOVES to introduce a mobile camera to crackdown on motorists who use bus lanes and illegally park at school gates in Walsall has been delayed due to "technical glitches."

A car with specialist monitoring equipment is being introduced in the borough to stop drivers who illegally queue jump and park.

The steps to stop motorists clogging up lanes earmarked for public transport were due to come into force last year, with Walsall Council hoping to have it running by autumn - but the initiative is yet to materialise.

The council agreed a new policy that those caught by the camera will be given a £60 fine, which will be halved if paid within 14 days. Those who fail to pay within 56 days will see the bill rise by 50 per cent to £90.

Firms win orders from the US Navy

IT'S been plain sailing for two Walsall firms who are celebrating the completion of a project for the United States Navy.

BE Wedge, in Stafford Street, Willenhall and George Dyke Limited, of Heath Road, Darlaston, have manufactured 12.5 tonnes of steel scaffold fittings for Naval Dockyards stateside.

Lee Dickens, sales manager of BE Wedge, said: "For the US Navy to have sourced the work all the way here to the West Midlands is a testimony to the quality of work companies in the UK can provide."

The Darlaston forge masters produced the steel fittings and sent them to Wedge's to undergo the companies unique galvanisation process. Gary Smith, sales manager of George Dyke Limited, said: "We use them to galvanize our steel to protect it against corrosion and weathering."

Transport chief councillor Tom Ansell said the council was aiming to launch the crackdown as soon as possible.

He added: "We're looking to equip a car with specialist monitoring equipment to help us take action."

"There have been a few technical hitches with the equipment that the supplier will be delivering for us. It's always best to get things right first and we'll be introducing it as soon as we can."

Amnesty

It is anticipated that a month-long amnesty will be put in place when warnings rather than fines are issued.

The council said the moves come after regular requests from bus operators. The enforcement vehicle will also monitor school gate parking.

The use of the camera will generate about £15,000 a year, with the council saying money will be ploughed back into the initiative.

Bus lanes are in operation on sections of some of the borough's busiest routes.

Some schools have taken their own steps to combat parking issues at the gate. Whetstone Field Primary, in Aldridge, has installed four special warning signs.

Pedalling a juicy fruit idea



Walsall College students Rebecca Johnson, Kirsty Parker, Becky Tombs and the project co-ordinator Saad Mohammed try out the new smoothie bike

A CUSTOM-BUILT exercise bike which turns fruit into smoothies is up and running at Walsall College as part of a health week.

Students have been getting in the saddle as part of a campaign to get healthy during 2013. The cycle has been set up at the Wise-more Campus, in Littleton Street West. As well as the smoothie cycle, students

have signed up to sports clubs and free health checks.

Helen Griffiths, learner experience officer at Walsall College, said: "Safe and Sound Week is a great opportunity to encourage students to stick to their New Year Resolutions and increase their fitness levels."

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Driver stole diesel from firm to sell

A FORMER company driver who stole fuel from the waste disposal firm he worked for in Walsall has been ordered to carry out unpaid work.

Andrew Davis worked for PHS All Clear Ltd in Aldridge for about nine months, Walsall Magistrates Court heard.

The 43-year-old, of Pelsall, would fill up his vehicle with diesel but later siphoned off the fuel to sell on to third parties.

The court heard he stole between £400 and £500 worth of fuel between November 26 and December 14 last year.

Suspicious

Mr Roger Blezzard, prosecuting, said drivers for the firm were given a card which they could use to fill up their vehicles.

He said: "The company noticed over a period of time the vehicles driven by Mr Davis consumed high quantities of fuel. They became suspicious."

It was reported to police and Davis was arrested. He later resigned from the firm.

Davis, of Allens Lane, presented himself during the hearing and admitted one charge of theft. He told the court he was ashamed of his actions.

He was handed a 12-month community order and told to do 200 hours unpaid work.

He must also pay a £60 victim surcharge and £100 compensation to the firm.

Attack on fan – arrest made

ONE man has been arrested and another questioned over an alleged assault on a Portsmouth fan at Walsall railway station.

A 25-year-old man from Walsall was arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm and bailed.

A 42-year-old man from Tipton has also been quizzed regarding the incident.

The 56-year-old Pompey fan from Surrey suffered a broken jaw.

Suicide verdict

A CALDMORE man committed suicide by setting himself on fire inside his car, an inquest heard.

Father-of-two Ashfaq Hussain, aged 43, of Thorpe Road, killed himself in Spout Lane, Caldmore, in April 2012.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of suicide.

Man jailed for trying to incite violence

A PALFREY man who tried to incite violence after an English Defence League (EDL) protest in Walsall has been jailed.

Trouble flared at the EDL rally in Leicester Street, Walsall, in September last year.

Abu Bakir, of Palfrey, was wearing a stab vest and carrying a knuckle duster when he tried to incite people he believed were EDL supporters near Tame Bridge Parkway train station following the protest, Walsall Magistrates Court heard.

Mrs Rachael Smith, prosecuting, said the 22-year-old got out of a car in Walsall Road with a scarf wrapped around his face and tried to encourage those he assumed were EDL protesters to approach the vehicle.

Bakir, of New Mills Street, was seen by a police officer who searched him and found he was wearing the stab vest

and had the knuckle duster. He admitted possessing an offensive weapon and failing to surrender to court bail.

Mr Mahmood Hussain, mitigating, said his actions had been "impulsive" and out of character.

District judge Michael Morris handed Bakir a 17-week prison sentence for possessing the knuckle duster and eight weeks in jail for failing to surrender to bail, to run consecutively. He told him: "It's clear you were expecting trouble by wearing the stab vest."

Congregate

He also had a three-year Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Order, preventing him from attending any demonstration by EDL, Unite Against Fascism or groups with the same views. It also ordered him not to congregate in groups whose presence was likely to cause distress, alarm or harassment.

In a different case, the court heard Roheel Rashid was stopped to be searched by a police officer who had seen 20 Asian men running from Arboretum Road.

The 22-year-old, of Luton Road, put up a struggle and pushed Pc Peter Dodsworth to the shoulder.

He admitted assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty.

Miss Amy Jackson, mitigating, said he was walking home with his younger brothers. Sentencing Rashid, Mr Morris said: "This was on a difficult day for police officers. There was massive disorder. You didn't make it any easier."

He was handed a 12-week prison sentence, suspended for 12 months, a two-month 7pm to 7am curfew, and told to pay £75 compensation and £85 costs.

Three admit roles in disorder – See Page 12

Wardens are to get more body cameras

A PILOT scheme to stop parking wardens being attacked by angry motorists in Walsall by fitting them with cameras has been hailed such a success that council bosses hope to make it permanent.

Bid to find acceptable use of site

COUNCILLORS are to work alongside owners of a site in Willenhall to find a "mutually acceptable" use after controversial plans for a mental health facility were withdrawn.

The proposed conversion of Meadow House, in Stroud Avenue, Short Heath, had sparked a protest petition with 1,300 names. More than 800 people flocked to a public meeting to air their concerns about the scheme.

But the planning application to Walsall Council has been dropped by the medical company.

Councillor Daniel Barker said: "It is now hoped that local residents and the ward councillors can get together with the owners to find a mutually acceptable future for the site."

The scheme involved the conversion of a former care home into a residential low secure mental health facility. The application was submitted by St Mary and St Michael Medical Company, based in Penn, Wolverhampton.

The trial was launched last summer after 40 incidents of abusive behaviour towards traffic wardens in 12 months were reported by the unit.

Walsall Council chiefs are now looking to allocate funding towards making the body-mounted cameras permanent.

Transport and environment chief councillor Tom Ansell said: "The trial was a real success and resulted in positive feedback from both members of the public and our own civil enforcement officers."

Police

"We would like to make the cameras a permanent feature but we need to look at funding so will look at building something into the next round of contracts around summer time."

When the trial was launched the council said footage would be passed on to the police to assist with prosecutions.

Private firm Apcoa runs the service on behalf of the council, monitoring the streets and town centre car parks.

It comes as up to £3,000 will also be spent on body cameras for more than a dozen enforcement staff as part of a blitz on litter in the town.

Celebrations at 'outstanding' college



Principal Maria Gilling celebrates the college's "outstanding" rating from Ofsted

A COLLEGE in Walsall has become the first in the country to be judged as outstanding under the new Ofsted framework.

Inspectors praised the quality of teaching and learning at Walsall Adult and Community College.

Staff and students were celebrating after receiving the top rating, almost three years to the day since it was graded 'good'.

The college received the highest possible grading in all five inspection areas. Principal Maria Gilling said: "Words cannot express how delighted we are."

Praise

The education watchdog awarded the college, based in Hawbush Road in Leamore, 24 grades in total – of which 23 were outstanding.

Overall effectiveness of provision, outcomes for learners, the quality of teaching and the effectiveness of leadership and management were all areas for praise.

Ms Gilling added: "Under the new common inspection framework, a college cannot be graded as outstanding overall unless its teaching, learning and assessment practice is judged as such. This outcome is certainly testament to hard work of our learners, staff, partners and governors."

NEWS in brief

Police target the 'flasher' menace

ACTION against indecent exposure will be launched in Walsall again by police, following a spate of incidents in the borough.

A total of five people were arrested last year.

The new campaign follows an incident in which a hooded man flashed at a woman as she walked at Pelsall Wood Common on January 8, at around 2pm.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to get in touch.

Inspector Felicity Keane said: "Thankfully, these offences are still relatively rare. However, we take any such offences very seriously and we set up an extensive operation in 2012 to reduce this kind of offending, working to bring offenders to justice."

Choice event for carnival royalty

A SELECTION event for Willenhall carnival royalty will be held on Saturday, February 2, ahead of this year's event in June.

Categories include boys aged five to 12 and girls aged five to 16, and over.

Entrants must be aged five by the qualifying date of June 15. Entrants must live in the Walsall or Wolverhampton areas to take part in the carnival queen contest. Call 01902 411611 or 07909 627736 for an application form.

History walks to fund a food bank

A SERIES of history walks around Darlaston have been launched, organised by Darlaston Local History.

To make a booking call 07952494839. Entry costs £2 for adults and 50p for children. Proceeds will go to St Lawrence's Church foodbank.

Crime drops in Reedswood area

THE number of crimes committed in an area of Walsall fell last month, it was revealed at a neighbourhood watch meeting. Police said there were 38 crimes in Reedswood in December 2012 compared to 42 for the same period in 2011.

Nail bar set to open

AN electrical appliances shop will be converted into a nail bar and tanning parlour in Brownhills High Street after planners gave the green light. A change of use to launch Get Pampered was approved under delegated powers.

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SOME weeks ago I warned readers to watch out for hard objects while eating pheasant. They could be lead shot. It might also be wise to watch out for hard objects while eating beefburgers. They could be horseshoes.

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I WANTED a DVD of a classic drama series. Even a dinosaur like me knows there are two ways to do this. The first is to get up, get the car started, drive into town, find a parking place, buy a parking ticket, make your way to the DVD shop, avoiding the Big Issue sellers and charity muggers, find the DVD is out of stock and ask the shop staff if they can get you a copy. If they can, then you repeat the entire procedure a few days later and pay way over the odds for the DVD, plus £4 or so for the parking. The other way is to go online, buy the DVD at eBay for half the high-street price and get it delivered to your door by an obliging Portuguese courier who calls you Mr Road-ez. The wonder is not that HMV have gone bust but that their chain of town-centre shops lasted so long. The high street as we know it is doomed and the sooner we start turning department stores into apartments and houses, the better.

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MEANWHILE, a reader who enjoys the old-fashioned shopping experience tells me in one store he was invited to "pre-order" a book. He muses, what is the difference between pre-ordering and simply ordering?

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HERE we go again. Yet another reader joins the growing ranks of people who, soon after encountering the NHS, get unsolicited contacts from private companies. She's a middle-aged lady who discovered at a routine blood test just before Christmas that her cholesterol was alarmingly high. Sure enough, three weeks later she was contacted by a health screening company which had already fixed a local appointment for her. She says it's either "a massive coincidence or something very fishy." Having had dozens of similar reports from readers, I think we can dismiss the coincidence line. My suspicion is that some employees of the NHS routinely sell private information.

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A FREEZE on recruitment has created a nationwide shortage of police officers aged under 26, prompting one police commissioner to express fears about "the need to engage with younger people." Really? I seem to recall when I was a teenager and a young driver, the best sort of engaging came from older, wiser officers. The ones in their early 20s were more like school bullies.

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TWIN brothers in Belgium were born deaf. At the age of 45 they were told they were both going blind. Unable to face the prospect, they asked to be put to death under Belgium's euthanasia laws, even though neither fitted the legal demand of being terminally ill or in pain. It was reported this week that they died of lethal injection on December 14. Has this case shocked Belgians into rethinking the law? Not at all. Under a new amendment, euthanasia will soon be available for children and Alzheimer's sufferers. When British enthusiasts for euthanasia talk blithely about "safeguards," just look across the North Sea and shudder.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

MP backs action call on subway

CAMPAIGNERS calling for action over a vandal-hit underpass they say is dangerous to use are to meet with council officials and an MP in a bid to resolve the problem.

The subway runs under the busy Willenhall Road, in Portobello.

It has been repeatedly damaged in recent months with the light fittings broken and the handrails removed.

The walls are also covered in graffiti, and the site often floods during heavy rain.

Residents living near the underpass have been calling for work to be done on the site. Some say it should be closed down and an alternative crossing provided.

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden went to view the underpass and has agreed to meet residents.

A representative from the council is also due to speak with concerned local residents.

Mr McFadden said: "I agree with residents about the underpass."

Threatening

"It is dirty, threatening, and it feels unsafe. I am looking forward to meeting with residents and the council to see what can be done."

The subway off New Street is used by residents to get from Portobello to Willenhall.

Wolverhampton City Council said repairs had

been done but the vandalism in the subway had continued.

Pensioner Tom Larkin, who has lived in the area for 40 years, said many people wanted to see the subway closed but he felt that some sort of alternative access for people to cross the road would have to be provided if that happened.

He added: "At long last something seems to be happening."

Plans for a supermarket to be built alongside a new care home and GP surgery on a site next to the subway were put on hold last week.

Councillors voted to negotiate with developers for the £20 million scheme in New Street to see if any more housing could be built.

Equality
move for
adoptive
parents

WALSALL South MP Valerie Vaz has met the minister for children and families to discuss proposals to allow adoptive parents to be treated the same way as birth parents.

The Labour MP met with Edward Timpson to discuss possible equalisation of leave, pay and allowance arrangements for adoptive parents.

She said: "I was very pleased to meet with the minister to discuss the provisions contained in my Adoption (Leave Pay and Allowance Arrangements) Bill. I introduced the Bill under the ten-minute rule procedure on June 29, 2011. Since then I have been having discussions with various government ministers."

Provisions

The Government has said it will be taking forward two of the three provisions contained in Ms Vaz's Bill. One is to equalise leave arrangements for adoptive parents, and the other is to equalise their pay arrangements.

"The minister said the Government's intention is to have the necessary legislation in place by spring 2014, subject to Parliamentary business and timetabling," added Ms Vaz.

The third part of Ms Vaz's Bill was about allowances for self-employed adoptive parents.

Police act
on village
problems

POLICE are cracking down on anti-social behaviour in Pelsall following complaints from residents.

Reports to officers include noise complaints at Charles Crescent. Youths have been reported banging on windows and doors in Ridings Crescent.

Councillor Garry Perry said: "I'm glad that police are taking this matter seriously. What seems like a bit of harmless fun could be quite serious; it's not unknown for elderly people to suffer heart attacks during such incidents."

To report anti-social behaviour call police on 101 or for noise call Walsall Council on (01922) 650000.

Pensioner charity
gets lottery grant

A LONG-RUNNING charity in Walsall that supports pensioners across the borough has been awarded £200,000 in lottery cash.

Manor Farm Community Association, based in King George Crescent, Rushall, was awarded the cash by the Big Lottery Fund.

It will use it on a new "silver scheme", which is launching this month and will initially run for a year. After that, there is the possibility of further funding for another five years.

Boss Gary Bird is delighted. He said: "With over 1,000 applications to the Big Lottery, the success of the bid was absolutely fantastic news for the charity and for the elderly people of the town who we really hope will benefit from the various services we will deliver."

by Lisa O'Brien

Isolation

"These will range from a meals-on-wheels service, help with home maintenance, gardening, computer and IT problems, transport and a volunteer community

watch service, in fact anything and everything that is causing concern."

The scheme has been put together with the support of Walsall Social Care, Walsall Housing Group and Age UK.

It aims to deliver services which improve the lives of vulnerable older people in the borough.

Project manager Diana Southall said: "Many older people wish to remain independent and living in their own home but need the support and help from the community to enable them to do so."

"Issues of loneliness, social isolation, deteriorating health and poor diet are critical and our scheme, with the support of others, will do all it can to help people achieve that goal of continued independence."

The charity says it will harness the enthusiasm of older people to shape and grow the silver scheme.

For more information about the scheme or anyone interested in joining can call Ms Southall on 01922 614316.

Soul scene
in pictures

A NORTHERN Soul Exhibition has opened at the Museum of Cannock Chase.

The temporary exhibition is of work by renowned photojournalist, John Bulmer.

Entitled Northern Soul, the exhibition is a selection of his images of life in the 1960s and will be open until March 1 at the Valley Road, Hednesford, venue.

The museum is currently open Monday to Friday, 11am until 4pm.

For information call the Museum on 01543 877 666.

New start at school



New headteacher at Pheasey Park Farm Primary School Sally Lanni with pupils Abbie Healey and Sophie Payne showing the new logo and 'Believe and Achieve' motto

IT HAS been a case of new year, new start for a primary school in Walsall.

Pheasey Park Farm Primary and Children's Centre has welcomed Sally Lanni as its new headteacher this month.

Mrs Lanni was previously the head of the highly successful Villiers Primary in Bilston, Wolverhampton.

Children at Pheasey were asked to design a logo and motto to celebrate the new start and the winners were Sophie Payne, aged 11, and Abbie Healey, 10, from Year 6.

Mrs Lanni said: "I am delighted to become the new headteacher at Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Children's Centre."

Develops

"It is my intention to ensure that Pheasey Park Farm rapidly develops as a centre of excellence and that all of our children receive the very best education that we can deliver."

She said she wanted the school to become known as outstanding, innovative and a centre of excellence.

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Search for Spitfires hits snag

A TEAM hunting for dozens of Second World War Spitfires believed to be buried at Burma's main international airport said the search would take longer than expected after a survey discovered bundles of electric cables in the way.

It is hoped to bring one of the planes "home" to Castle Bromwich for restoration.

Soe Thein, a retired Burmese geology professor, who is helping hunt for the rare fighter planes, said the team had located crates that could contain the Spitfires.

Battle

He said cables and water pipes were found above them and there is no blueprint for their precise locations, meaning unearthing them would be more time-consuming than anticipated.

There is no word yet on when the crates would finally be unearthed.

The iconic Spitfire won fame for helping Britain win the Battle of Britain and halt Nazi invasion during the war. But it was at a high cost in both pilots and machines.

Former Walsall man David Treaggar, who now lives in Denmark, is spearheading a £2 million bid to bring one of the Spitfires back to the West Midlands.

The father-of-two is hoping he can raise enough money to bring one back to Castle Bromwich where it was made.

Drug problem led to death of woman, 40

A WILLENHALL woman battling drug problems died of pneumonia worsened by taking methadone which affected her breathing, an inquest heard.

Nasreen Jan, aged 40, of Circuit Close, had a history of seizures and drug abuse and, in the days before her death, had breathing difficulties, her family told an inquest.

Pathologist Dr Iqbal Dhesi told the hearing at Walsall Manor Hospital that one effect of methadone was to cause respiratory depression. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to broncho-pneumonia and an overdose of methadone.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

Post office clerk's fraud was to pay debt

A POST office counter clerk in Walsall who was awarded more than £1,000 in compensation that she was not entitled to after falsely claiming luxury parcels – including Louis Vuitton handbags – had been lost in the post has been given a suspended prison sentence.

Rajmeen Dulai has been ordered to pay back the £1,300 she received from a fake claims made while working at Gilly Village Post Office in Walsall and at a post office in Kingsbury Road, Birmingham.

Dulai, of Aster Way, Tamebridge, admitted three charges of fraud by false representation.

Walsall Magistrates Court heard that the 30-year-old of Aster Way, Tamebridge, ordered luxury items then either claimed she had not received them or that she had returned to sender.

She made false certificates of postage to back up the claims. Under the mail company's special delivery service, parcels can be insured up to £2,500.

Mr John Dove, prosecuting, said on the first occasion she falsely claimed to have returned two Louis Vuitton handbags but they never made it back to the firm. She was paid £1,300 in compensation.

Raided

When her home was later raided by the police and Royal Mail officers, the two handbags were found.

Dulai also lied to claim she had not received a Christian Dior watch from Goldsmiths, worth £3,300. That was later found at her mother's house in Slough.

On a third attempt, she claimed to have posted sunglasses, a watch and clothing, worth more than £450, which were then lost in the post.

She was not paid for the last two claims.

Dulai was employed by the Martin McColl retail chain when she worked at the post offices. She has since lost her job.

She admitted three charges of fraud by false representation in October 2011 and February 2012.

Mr Steve Blower, mitigating for Dulai at Walsall Magistrates Court last Thursday, said she had been trying to get out of debt.

District Judge Michael Morris gave Dulai a 12-week jail term, suspended for 12 months.

She was also handed a community order.

Extra trading day in plan to fund market

A BUSY market could trade for an extra day each week to help raise part of the £1.1 million investment said to be needed to help it thrive in a new town centre location.

Experts brought in to analyse the future of the historic 100-stall Walsall Market believe it should permanently relocate to The Bridge and Bradford Street.

One in five firms failed despite help

ALMOST a fifth of businesses which received grants from to start up in Walsall ceased trading within two years, it has been revealed.

A total of 64 businesses were involved in the Working Neighbourhoods Fund programme supported by Walsall Council. They were given grants totalling £72,000 during 2010/2011 and of the 56 monitored, 82 per cent are continuing to trade. It comes against a background of regeneration bosses battling to reduce the number of empty shops in the town centre.

Figures which were released last year showed more than 80 empty units in the heart of the borough.

However, high streets in Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Darlaston and Willenhall are faring better and have seen a surge in empty units being snapped up. They fell by 41 per cent.

Any new firm taking on a site in the town centre with a five-year lease can get a year's free rent under a new initiative.

Financial

Yesterday (Wednesday) council chiefs were being asked to instruct officers to commission a study to assess the design and financial implications of creating a market square on The Bridge. The feasibility and design study is likely to cost in the region of £40,000.

Walsall Market Traders Association chairman Tony Larnier welcomed plans for an additional trading day.

He said: "If there's an appetite for it then it could work. A lot of traders do ask me about a Thursday market because there's not that many around."

A report, going before cabinet, says a plan would be needed to protect the council's investment. Councilors will be asked to recommend that customers, retailers, investors and representatives of market trade organisations are consulted.

Garden memorial for Keelan



Parents Craig and Tracy Smith at the garden being created in memory of their son Keelan in Bloxwich, with pupils Joe Hinks, aged eight, and Ruby-Rae Bond, six

WORK on a garden in memory of a six-year-old boy from Bloxwich is forging ahead with the aim of being completed by the summer.

Tracy and Craig Smith lost their son Keelan to cancer almost 18 months ago.

The couple raised more than £3,300 with the help of the community towards creating a memorial garden at Elmore Green Primary School, where Keelan was a pupil.

The first phase includes an auditorium for storytelling and there will also be an orchard garden and a sensory garden space.

Tracy, aged 36, said they were pleased to create Keelan's Garden which will be an on-going interactive area for pupils for years to come.

She said it was fitting memory for Keelan. "He loved being at the school and loved being outdoors."



Keelan Smith, aged six, loved being outdoors

NEWS in brief

It's last chance to make nomination

TOMORROW (Friday) is the last chance to nominate disabled people in Walsall who have made a real difference to the lives of others for an award at an annual ceremony.

The seventh annual Walsall Annual Disability Awards will be held on March 21. The ceremony, sponsored by Caldmore, will take place at Walsall College.

Nominations can be made by individuals, projects, schools, colleges, employers, voluntary and community organisations until 5pm on Friday, January 25. Nomination forms can be found at www.acordgroup.org.uk

Project to extend bar is withdrawn

A PLAN to extend the bar area of a pub in Willenhall have been withdrawn ahead of its consideration by council planners.

An application for a ground floor extension at the Poets Corner, in Keats Road, had been lodged with Walsall Council.

The bar was given a facelift following a £90,000 investment earlier last year but the latest submitted proposals have now been withdrawn.

Parks get set for the lighter nights

EVENING opening hours at parks across Walsall will be extended over the coming months with the lighter nights.

From February gates will close an hour later at 5.30pm and then at 6.30pm in March.

This will increase until 8pm in April and 9pm in May.

Carriageway to be closed on Sunday

A ROAD closure will be in place in Moxley for carriageway repairs to be carried out on the Black Country Route.

The work will take place on the northbound carriageway on Sunday.

Restrictions will operate between Bull Lane and the roundabout this Sunday from 7am to 11am.

Cyclists club all set for a 12-mile ride

A 12-MILE cycle ride organised by Cycle Touring Club Walsall will set off from Palsall on Saturday.

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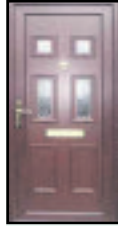
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NEWS

Meals service expands its role in community

A COMMUNITY meals scheme has almost quadrupled the number of customers it serves since launching two years ago.

An update on the £220,000 Taste for Life service will be given to Walsall Council recently. The scheme delivers hot and frozen meals and hosts weekly luncheon clubs. It has 580 pensioners on its books.

It was launched on January 7, 2011, after the authority ended its contract with meals-on-wheels provider Sodexo, in a bid to save £1 million over three years.

At the time, there were 300 pensioners and vulnerable people receiving meals - 150 chose to go with the scheme and 150 declined.

Visit

The service expanded when it introduced safe and well calls, where staff visit or call residents. By the end of its first year the scheme, run by Caldmore Housing and Age UK Walsall, had 350 registered users.

Help with cooking at home is now offered and bosses have spoken of plans to set up book clubs and friendship circles.

Frontline staff are taking part in a pilot scheme which assesses the capability of Taste For Life users. The aim is to see how pensioners could contribute to their local communities.

Staff will also be revisiting original meals-on-wheels users who turned them down to see if their needs have changed.

Taxi office gets nod

MOVES to convert a showroom into a taxi booking office in Walsall have been backed by council planners.

The application in Croxstalls Road, Bloxwich, has been granted permission by Walsall Council under delegated powers.

Head of planning David Elsworth said: "The proposed change of use to a taxi office within this industrial location is acceptable as it is considered to have no impact upon the character of the area or residential amenity."

Gardeners' plea over floods



Water gardens - Michelle Speed, Tracey Perks, Peter Fitton, Paul Lees and Ray Fitton, who have all experienced problems from the flooding, in Miss Speed's submerged garden

FED-UP residents say they are at the end of their tethers after being continually hit by flooding in their gardens for the past eight months.

Gardens of six privately-owned homes in Glastonbury Crescent, Bloxwich, repeatedly flood during heavy downpours and residents say they suspect it is due to blocked drains.

Care assistant Michelle Speed, aged 39, who lives with her 11-year-old daughter Olivia, said they have been trying to sort the issue with Walsall Council for months.

She said: "It floods every time it rains heavily. We've seen rats swimming about in the water. There's a storm drain at the back of the houses which we think is blocked."

Investigating

"We've all repeatedly called the council but we don't seem to get any joy."

Her neighbour, Peter Fitton, 57, who lives with his disabled mother Kathleen, 82, said he was also fed up of the problem.

Walsall Council is investigating.



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NEWS

Marley will improve a life



Marley, named by Willenhall students, has a busy year

STUDENTS at a Willenhall school were given the opportunity to name a future guide dog thanks to their year-long fundraising.

Year 7 pupils at the E-Act Academy managed to raise more than £1,800 for Guide Dogs and were honoured with the chance to name the association's latest canine recruit.

After a lot of deliberation the children decided on Marley for the puppy, who will now undertake 12 months training before being partnered with a blind owner.

Cute

Katie Butler, head of careers at Willenhall E-Act Academy, said: "The Academy is extremely proud that our pupils managed to raise the £1,500 as quickly as they did and the fact that we exceeded our target and raised over £1,840.

"But the reality of what we've done hit us when we received the photograph of Marley. All puppies are cute, but ours is quite special."

Pupils carried out different tasks to raise the money including sponsored silences, raffles and for one pupil it was a sponsored walk over Mount Snowdon, the highest Welsh peak, that raised £300 alone for the charity.

Sarah Knox, from Guide Dogs, said: "I hope the staff and pupils at Willenhall E-Act Academy know just how much they have done to bring independence of a blind or partially sighted person.

"A guide dog brings confidence, mobility and companionship. Marley will truly change a life."

Guide Dogs currently have more than 700 people of all ages on lists waiting for a guide dog.

"Marley will hopefully go on to help someone on our waiting list, just like these people who are waiting for a Guide Dog to give them independence," added Sarah.

To find out more about the Name a Puppy scheme call 01189 838756 or email sarah.knox@guidedogs.org.uk

Nando's planning to open restaurant in town centre

TWO high street chains are poised to open new outlets in Walsall town centre, creating dozens of new jobs.

Nando's is planning to open a restaurant at the Crown Wharf Shopping Park, while coffee giant Costa is looking to open a second shop in the town.

It has earmarked part of the former Clinton cards shop in the Saddlers Centre for a £200,000 investment, creating four full-time and six part-time jobs.

Regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "It's brilliant

news that companies like these have recognised Walsall as an up-and-coming place to be. There are Nando's and Costa up and down the country, and I would like to thank them for investing in the town."

Transform

Both firms have submitted planning applications.

Nando's wants to transform the former Pizza Hut at the Crown Wharf, off Wolverhampton Street, which closed in November.

Central Coffee Ltd has applied to take over an empty unit at the Saddlers

Centre and wants to change its use and install advertising signs. Costa already has a shop at the New Art Gallery.

Meanwhile, budget fashion chain Primark has boasted rocketing sales figures over Christmas while babyware icon Mothercare saw its struggling UK stores slip even further.

Mothercare, which has stores in Walsall, Wolverhampton and Merry Hill, is planning to close 50 shops. But its online store is doing well.

Primark, which is planning to open in Walsall, saw better sales than expected - up by a quarter on the same period last year.

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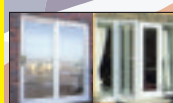
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LETTERS

Council allowances increase is 'obscene'

IT'S GOOD to know that there's at least one councillor with integrity who won't be claiming the obscene increase in councillors' allowances. The Labour councillors are just as bad as the rest because they knew that by not voting the motion for the increases would be passed, so they were just as bad at grabbing what they could. Many of us haven't had a rise for many years. These allowances are far more than many of us get paid for our full-time jobs!

I said these increases were obscene, and so they are, when council employees have been made redundant, council services have been cut or are not fit for purpose. It is a case of all of us tightening our belts, unless you are a councillor.

The local political parties with all their financial resources at election time tend to block any other local people from being elected, so that the public doesn't have any real free choice of alternative candidates, so that only present councillors can partake of this gravy train.

Our council isn't democratic, nor will it ever be with councillors affiliated to political parties and following the party line rather than what those who vote for them want.

COLIN ROBERTS
Hall Lane
Walsall Wood

Enjoy winter wonderland while it lasts

ACROSS Darlaston it has been a delight that so many young people and parents are taking part in snow sports.

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Winter is a challenge but let's always remember the opportunities we can take from the snow scenes we have across our towns. Two young families returning from a sledging session were overheard saying: "That was great fun. I'll be stiff and sore tomorrow but the kids just loved it". If we could bottle and sell that spirit and enthusiasm for all our activities and, shared more sports as families, I suggest we would all benefit by becoming fitter in a good fun way. Keep warm and safe and don't forget you probably enjoyed the snow too, once upon a time.

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NEWS

Councils will not merge borough library services

Creative dream team



Sasha Lyttle is making bracelets for Promise Dreams with help from Freya Felton, seven, and mother Claire Felton

A STUDENT from Leamore has put her creative skills to use for charity. Sasha Lyttle, aged 17, made 50 bracelets in aid of Promise Dreams, which sold out in a week. She has joined forces with friends Claire and Freya Felton to make 350 more.

Coppice Performing Arts pupil Sasha said: "I am amazed by the reaction but now I want to make as much money for charity as I can." Mrs Felton and Sasha's family are helping to buy the parts for the bracelets which sell for £1 for the charity.

Mrs Felton said: "We were delighted to help. It gives us a chance to thank Promise Dreams for all the assistance they have given my daughter Freya through her illness." For more information call 07542 368563.

COST-CUTTING proposals to create a single Black Country-wide library service have been shelved by council bosses.

Talks on a possible merger had been taking place between Walsall, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Sandwell councils in a bid to save more than £1 million a year.

But they have decided not to press ahead with the plans to share back office functions, as each council had different priorities.

In Walsall, cost-cutting measures such as a review of book stocks and new technology have been put in place as part of plans to save £140,000 from the library service in the next three years.

Staffing

Wolverhampton City Council has overhauled its library service as part of proposals to save £1m.

Dudley Council is looking at reducing staffing levels in libraries, archives and adult learning to find £75,000 towards savings of £347,000, says a report by adult services director Andrea Pope-Smith.

Councils said they would all continue to work together in some areas to help reduce costs.

Sandwell leisure services boss Councillor Linda Horton said: "It was decided by the councils to move away from a single Black Country library service as each have their own priorities that they want to develop."

"It was decided to work on co-operative arrangements, like book purchasing contract arrangements, that will ultimately help to reduce costs."

Wolverhampton's assistant director for leisure, Rob Willoughby said the Black Country Libraries in Partnership group would continue to meet on a monthly basis to initiate collaborative working.

Firm invests in machinery

A PET accessories firm in Walsall is investing almost £250,000 in new machinery in a bid to increase sales and create more jobs.

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Man is jailed for biting fingers of court officer

Garden on show for charity



John Quinn plans to reopen his garden in Bloxwich for charity

A GARDEN will be opened to the public twice this summer after a break of more than two years. John and Julie Quinn will open their Bloxwich garden in May and July.

Open days at 6 Fishley Close raised more than £10,000 for charity over several years but Mr Quinn was not able to open it for public events since a back injury sustained when

he fell 7ft from a ladder. The 63-year-old had an operation on his spine in July 2010 and spent 15 months away from his job as a garden designer.

The 33sq ft garden includes Japanese maples, water feature, oriental bridge and stone ornaments. It will be open on May 26 and July 28, 10am-4pm on both days. Admission is £3.

A MAN who bit the fingers of a court security officer as he was being taken to the cells has been sentenced to 18 weeks in prison.

Maurice Graver, of Bescot Street, Walsall, was held in contempt of court at Walsall Magistrates Court on October 17 but resisted officers' efforts to take him away. The 45-year-old initially refused to go down stairs before shouting abuse and wrestling with officers.

Wolverhampton Magistrates Court heard he got hold of Robert Yates' hand and squeezed it so hard Mr Yates said "you're going to break to my fingers", to which Graver replied "that's the idea".

Aggravated

When Mr Yates shook his hand free, Graver bit his fingers, said Mrs Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting.

Graver, representing himself, was found guilty. District Judge Graham Wilkinson said that the assault was aggravated by the defendant showing no remorse for his actions. Passing sentence, he said: "It's clear you wanted to cause even more harm."

Graver will serve half of his 18-week sentence.

Enterprise centre to open at mosque

A NEW community centre has been given the go-ahead in Walsall as part of the extension of a mosque.

The plan for the Minhaj Ul Quran will create more facilities for young people in Alumwell. The centre aims to provide training and employment opportunities. The ground floor is to be converted into the Gateway Enterprise Centre.

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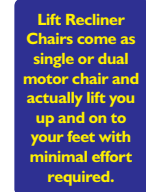


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Three admit roles in disorder

THREE men have admitted their roles in trouble which broke out during an English Defence League (EDL) protest in Walsall town centre.

There were angry scenes in Leicester Street in September as the EDL held a protest. Disorder erupted as supporters left a pub. Kyle Kirkbride, of Rugeley, and Peter Jelley, of Shrewsbury, both admitted threatening behaviour, while John Sharpe, of Leamore, Bloxwich, admitted racially aggravated harassment.

Racist

At Walsall Magistrates Court last week Mrs Clare Davis, prosecuting, said that during the afternoon of September 29 there had been disorder involving 200 to 300 EDL supporters. Some march stewards, EDL supporters and police suffered injuries.

The court heard that Sharpe made racist remarks to a

police officer. Miss Davis said the 45-year-old, of Hawbush Road, was not part of the protest and was in the "wrong place at the wrong time". Mrs Sheila Hicklin, mitigating, said Sharpe had a drink problem.

District Judge Michael Morris fined him £100 and ordered he pay £150 compensation, £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Miss Davis said Kirkbride, aged 24, of Springfield Avenue, had made rude gestures at Asian men.

Mr Jason Georgiou, mitigating, said he was not racist and was responding to the men. He was given a £280 fine, told to pay £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Peter Jelley, 24, of Prescott Close, Shrewsbury, denied being involved in violence. In mitigation, Mr James Hand said he had no strong political views. The hearing was adjourned for a report and Jelley was released on conditional bail to return to court on February 6 for sentencing.

Boost for Rosie's minibus fund

A WALSALL charity has had a helping hand thanks to a £1,000 donation towards its minibus fund.

Aldridge-based charity Rosie's Helping Hands received the money from the Walsall branch of household goods retailer PerfectHome. Karen and Sean Ross set up the charity in memory of their daughter Rosie who lost her life in 2001 at the age of 16 in a knife attack by a stranger.

The charity in her name helps to improve the quality of young lives within a 15 mile radius of Aldridge. It does this by purchasing items, or providing funding, to causes working with people up to the age of 25.

The PerfectHome store nominated the cause to benefit from its Community Outreach Programme, which supports organisations in the areas where its stores are located.

Karen Ross said: "We are delighted to receive this donation which will help local air cadets with buying a new minibus"



Karen Ross receives the cheque from Louise Billington, centre, watched by Joel Ward, Sean Ross and Jude Buckley

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Council scheme to spend £3m on adapting homes

Club is a belting success



Top from left, Suleiman Asif, aged seven, Chelsea Clarke, 11, Hassan Akram, 11, Liam Harvey, 13, and club instructor Daniel Felton, of Darlaston, with his son Dylan, three

NEW members are being sought for a high-kicking karate club with a top success rate of black belts.

Darlaston Karate Club is looking for recruits as young as four to take part in its Ninja youth sessions.

Instructor Daniel Felton has been training youngsters in the art of karate for 12 years. In the past few months, four of his charges have

gained their black belt. The group, which meets at Darlaston All Active Club, Willenhall Road, is looking to swell its ranks even further. It currently has 35 members.

Training takes place on Mondays and Thursdays at 5.30pm for youngsters aged four to seven and from 6.30pm for those aged seven and over. Call 0121 568 6144.

A TOTAL of £3 million has been earmarked to help pay for home adaptations for disabled and vulnerable residents in Walsall over the next four years.

The money is aimed at householders who do not meet the criteria for statutory disabled facilities grants or aids.

There are more than 1,000 disabled residents on the waiting list. Over three years the funding, if approved, would pay for 335 – or a third – of those on the list. The plans are set out in Walsall Council's draft capital programme for 2013-18.

Equally

The money would be allocated equally over the first four years, with £750,000 budgeted for each 12-month period. No cash has been allocated for the final year.

As part of the scheme, healthcare technology warning pensioners and vulnerable people of dangers in their homes – from burglars to gas leaks – has been installed in almost 10,000 properties.

Walsall Council and NHS Walsall set aside £1.8m for the first year of the scheme, which they say gives people more independence. Telecare and Telehealth services are being used to help people with long-term conditions, such as heart disease, respiratory illnesses, arthritis and dementia, stay at home for longer.

Hospital dance

AN EVENING of ballroom and sequence dancing will be held by a Walsall group in South Staffordshire to raise money for New Cross Hospital.

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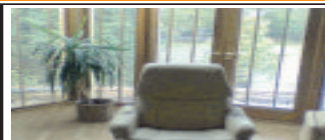
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NEWS

'Good citizen' convicted after dog attacks child

A NINE-YEAR-OLD boy was mauled by his neighbour's Staffordshire bull terrier as he played with his young sister, a court heard.

He suffered bites to his head, arm, leg and bottom when he was "cornered" by the dog, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that he needed stitches and had to have surgery as a result of being attacked by the five-year-old animal, named Ozzy, in Brook Road, Portobello.

Its owner, Darren Phillips, admitted being in charge of a dog that was dangerously out of control. Last week he was handed a nine-month community order.

Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, said the youngster was playing with his 12-year-old sister when the dog, which was not on a lead, launched its 90-second attack at about 9.50pm on May 12. "The defendant ran over to the nine-year-old and had to hit the dog to pull it off the child and take him away."

"The child's father was in the front room watching TV when he heard screams," added Miss Brigue.

She said the youngster had to spend three days in hospital and he still suffered sleepless nights.

She added: "His parents

by Shaun Jepson

say he cries at night and is very concerned about going out of his home."

Mr Patrick Currie, for Phillips, 43, of Brook Road, said the dog had been a family pet and had never shown "any sign of aggression".

He added that his client had previously been given two good citizen awards by the police.

"In this case, the incident occurred and the defendant's response was to take immediate responsibility for what happened," said Mr Currie.

Judge Anjad Nawaz handed Phillips a nine-month community order and nine months supervision. He was banned from being in charge of an animal for 18 months. The judge said: "I approach this case on the basis that it was something that occurred out of the blue."

Group win award



Celebrating winning a Walsall volunteer award are, front from left, Cyndee Ray and Kimberley Lea, and back, Chris Edwards and Matthew Nolan

MEMBERS of a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) support team have received an award from Walsall's mayor at the town's Voluntary Action ceremony.

Another Way Walsall won the Volunteer Engaging Organisation of the Year prize for their work with other local LGBT groups, which saw them involved with 2012's first Walsall Pride event. The team, which provides support to the LGBT community in the borough, was formed three years ago and has secured £2,477 of funding from the Community First Initiative. For more information contact Matthew Nolan on 07716273748

Moxley gang alert

POLICE patrols are being maintained in Moxley following complaints about gangs of young people congregating in the area. Concerns over rowdy groups gathering near the Queen Street park area have been raised with officers.

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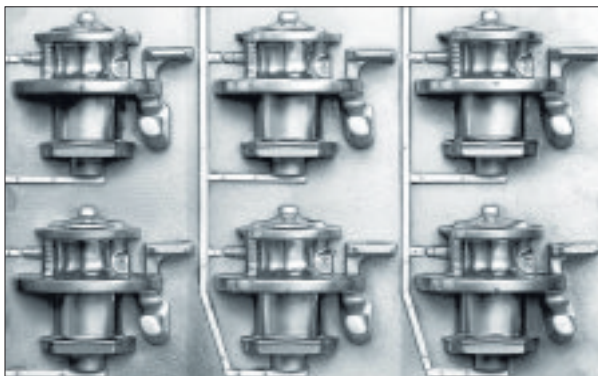
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NEWS

Focus on a photographer with eye for the unusual



Moulding Chambers, by Shane Butler, runner-up in Young photographer category

A WALSALL photography student has snapped his way to second place in a national competition.

Shane Butler, of Bloxwich, was awarded the silver prize at the 'Made in Britain' Photography Awards 2012 at the House of Commons.

The Walsall College HND Photography student beat more than 800 other entrants to be named runner-up in the young photographer category.

He won £500 for his 'Moulding Chambers' entry, an image of casting moulds made at Walsall firm Chamberlin and Hill.

Shane, 19, said: "Having my photo selected for a prize out of the hundreds which were submitted is an amazing achievement."

Quirky

"I have a real interest in photographing anything that's a bit quirky and slightly different from the norm."

"I chose Chamberlin and Hill as they have a great facility which gave me the opportunity to experiment with light, shade and reflections."

The contest challenged photographers to capture a component made in the UK. It was sponsored by Canon and hosted by EEF, organising body for UK manufacturers.

Photography lecturer Ian Male said: "We are delighted that Shane's talents have been recognised in this competition. Taking part has also given him valuable experience."

"I see this as a major step for Shane in his quest to become a professional photographer," he added.



Walsall College photography student Shane Butler, 19, is presented with his award by Richard Halstead, region director Midlands of EEF

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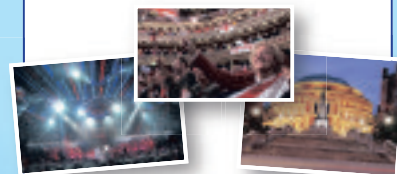
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CHRISTMAS festivities all went off as planned. The group carol service at St. Pauls Church, Coven was well attended and two members from each group were invited to participate.

The Christmas meal at Essington Fruit Farm was an excellent night, the food was up to its usual high standard and there was much hilarity over the quiz and the raffle where everyone gets a prize. Thanks go to president Julie Hammersley for organising the evening.

Finally at the group's own Christmas party, members were entertained by The Codsall Singers who were all on top form. Another successful evening.

For the January meeting our speaker was Codsall butcher Alan Bennett, who told of his early days as a young boy when he first went into the butchering trade under the wing of Gill's Butchers.

He has become well-known for his award-winning flavoured sausages, his latest being 'The Bucks Fizz' and his award was presented to him by Cheryl Baker one of the singers in the band of the same name.

The ladies finished the evening enjoying a few samples of sausage and pork pie. This was followed by refreshments and the raffle. The first prize was won by Mrs Bennett who had accompanied her husband for the evening.

Guest draws on his experience as artist



Speaker Geoff Tristram with chairman Mary Jones, right and speaker's secretary Pauline Handley with other committee members

CHAIRMAN Mary Jones welcomed 39 members and one visitor to the January meeting at the Kingfisher Hotel, Wall Heath when the management kindly treated everyone to a glass of sparkling wine to celebrate the New Year.

A three-course lunch was followed by the speaker Geoff Tristram, an artist and cartoonist. His talk was entitled Confessions of an Artist, which he illustrated with slides taken of his paintings and amusing stories.

Seven years ago he started writing and

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has now published 10 very amusing books, which members were able to purchase.

The February meeting will be the AGM, in March Peter Shelly talks about 'A Handful of Straw' and in April Shirley Thompson, notary public - a local solicitor. A coach outing in the spring is under discussion.

Beetle Drive 'hilarious'

DUE to inclement winter weather, no speakers have been arranged. Instead it had been decided to arrange a Beetle Drive for the January meeting.

This proved to be a wonderful and hilarious event for all. It took place immediately after chairman Brenda

CENTRAL TOWNSWOMEN

White had opened the meeting and dealt with the business.

A small number of prizes, including a booby were won during the Beetle Drive.

The Guild Choir are going to a lunch at Calderfields Restaurant this month.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 5 at Walsall Central Hall Methodist Church in the Mellish Room at 7pm. Penny Wheat will talk about 'The Perils of Public Speaking'.

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Crime and safety is on the agenda at meeting

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Senior managers from Walsall Council, West Midlands Fire Service, West Midlands Police, NHS Walsall and social landlords will hear from local people about their concerns during the meeting.

Councillors

It is being organised by Aldridge and Beacon Area Partnership.

Ward councillors will also be present to listen to concerns and ideas at the meeting on Tuesday, February 5, at Aldridge Youth Theatre, Noddy Park Road from 5.30pm to 8pm.

Those wishing to raise an issue are asked to submit their questions beforehand to area manager John Morris, this can be done by calling (01922) 653711 or via email to MorrisJohn@walsall.gov.uk

Kennels call to help dogs

DONATIONS of blankets and food are needed to help abandoned dogs care for at kennels in Aldridge. The team of helpers at Aldridge Voluntary Animal Rescue are also in need of dog leads and collars. Contact the kennels via email at info@aldriderescue.co.uk or by visiting the website www.aldriderescue.co.uk

Transport museum bosses delighted by public support

A PLAN to open a museum collection of historic transport vehicles to the region's school children is one step nearer after a successful meeting in Aldridge.

The future of the Aston Manor Road Transport Museum, originally located in Birmingham until a wrangle with the city council forced its move, had seemed uncertain after it was forced to find a new home for the second time in two years.

On leaving the city the museum had found a site in Aldridge on the Beecham Business Park, in Northgate, last October.

The museum, with up to 30 vehicles, faced an uncertain future after being told it needed to move from the former Jack Allen dustcart production line in Aldridge.

Now under plans put together by the group's loyal volunteers the unique collection of buses, cars and bicycles will be opened to school groups at its new home in Shenstone Drive.

A meeting held on Sunday between the group, neighbouring residents and transport enthusiast dealt with problems and helped gather support for the museum's plans to provide a resource for children this year.

Despite concerns that the meeting would not go ahead due to heavy snow, residents pitched in donating shovels and grit to clear the snow.

More than 80 people from Aldridge, Walsall and even Solihull made their way through the poor weather

by Tom Mason

conditions to make it to the event, which also featured displays by local model railway enthusiasts.

Director of the museum Alan Bishop said: "It finally feels like we are in the right area. People seem to be appreciative of what we are trying to do."

Turnout

"The turnout was fantastic considering the weather and it makes me wonder what it would have been like."

He said that the group had many ideas to discuss including creating a space where visiting groups could hold meetings, exhibitions on the region's history and developing ties with the Chasewater Light Railway.

"We just need to knuckle down now and raise the cash needed to get things going," added Mr Bishop.

They relocated from Birmingham after a row with the city council over rent. They moved to Beecham Business Park in late 2011 before being informed autumn that they needed to leave by the end of October.



Martin Fisher, Alan Bishop and Emily Gough at the museum's new home in Shenstone Drive



Director Alan Bishop cleaning up at the motor museum



Director Emily Gough and volunteers at the site in Aldridge

Summer is target for opening of a new pub

THE TRANSFORMATION of a landmark former bingo hall and cinema into a pub is poised to be completed this summer.

Work to turn the now empty hall in Anchor Road, Aldridge, into a Wetherspoons is expected to start by April and take about 10 weeks to complete. The aim is to open by about mid-summer.

The scheme creating 40 jobs has been in the pipeline for more than 18 months.

The building was the Avion Super Cinema when opened in the 1930s before becoming a bingo hall, which closed in summer 2009.

Planning permission was granted by Walsall Council.

Wetherspoons spokesman Eddie Gershon said the timescale was still to be confirmed but added: "The intention is to go on site in the next three months and open 10 weeks after."

Some demolition was done by the landowner ahead of the pub chain taking over.

Blood donors are in demand

THE NHS Blood and Transplant service is appealing for volunteers to attend a blood donor session in the village to help meet the demand from local hospitals.

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REVIEWS

Wolf's at the door for Formidable rockers



The Joy Formidable - Wolves gig

Music

Wolf's Law

THIS could be the year that Welsh-Wolverhampton rockers The Joy Formidable finally graduate from 'the next big thing' to premier league rock star status. But I am not sure if Wolf's Law, their second proper album, is the one to do it.

The guitar blizzard is indeed, well, formidable but this album could have

been made 20 years ago with its shoegazer tendencies, livened up with a bit of Britpop (Welsh pop?) attitude. Ritzzy Bryan remains a powerful front woman, ably supported by the rhythm section of bassist Rhyddan Dafydd (bass) and Wulfrunian Matt Thomas (drums).

Anyone who saw them supporting Muse last year can vouch for their live punch, and they should be a knockout at the Wulfrun Hall on March 1. **LB**

Moonshine and mayhem with hillbilly gangsters

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Lawless (18)

BASED on a true story, probably rather loosely, this tale of backwoods bootlegger brothers in prohibition-era America is a stylish and very violent gangster thriller.

It comes from the Australian team of director John Hillcoat (The Road) and writer (and rock star) Nick Cave.

Set in early 1930s Virginia, it tells of good ol' boys the Bondurant brothers, played by Tom Hardy, Jason Clarke and Shia Labeouf. They run their rural bar despite a ban on booze and make a lucrative income distilling illegal hooch, bribing the local lawmen with a few crates of the hard stuff.

However, a corrupt district attorney brings in a Chicago cop to crack down on the Bondurant boys when they stubbornly refuse to pay his bribes.

Enter the real star of the movie, Guy Pearce, as preening, perfumed and poison-tongued sadist Special Deputy Charlie Rakes.

He delivers a vicious beating to the youngest Bondurant - an impulsive youth as played by Labeouf - setting in motion a feud.

Pearce's oily-haired dandy is a memorable villain, necessary to make viewers care about bland Hicks the "invincible" Bondurants, though Tom Hardy does have John Wayne-like presence as the older brother.

Like most gangster movies, the female roles are under-written, not giving Mia Wasikowska or Jessica Chastain, as girlfriends, much to do. Great soundtrack though.



Shia Labeouf as Jack Bondurant takes on the law in Lawless
Picture: PA Photo/Entertainment In Video

Code Name: Geronimo (15)

THIS is an efficient if unremarkable docu-drama on the US Navy Seals operation to track down and eliminate Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan.

The shaky camera action is well done but the tacked on story about rivalry

between two soldiers is unnecessary and distracting.

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These artists selected for the Rep Foundry are the Midlands talent to be showcased in Birmingham

New talent forged in Rep 'Foundry'

BIRMINGHAM Repertory Theatre has announced 18 artists who will be part of its year-long programme, Rep Foundry.

Created under The Rep's new artistic director Roxana Silbert, the project aims to discover and promote the Midlands' most promising stage talent.

The group of six writers, six directors and six theatre makers will receive mentoring and support from staff at The Rep.

As well as masterclasses with professionals there will be an opportunity for the artists to present work in progress in front of an audience at monthly shows called Scratch performance nights.

The artists hail from across the region including Walsall, Birmingham, Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

Birmingham Repertory Theatre is currently undergoing re-development as part of the new Library of Birmingham, which will see the two cultural venues sharing public spaces and a new purpose-built 300 seat auditorium.

Venues

Until it returns to its home in 2013, The Rep is producing work for a range of different venues across Birmingham as well as continuing its work with writers, young people and an ambitious community programme.

The Rep will celebrate its centenary in February and will reopen its doors in September 2013 with the first season of productions under the new artistic directorship of Roxana Silbert.

Ms Silbert, who has also worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company, said: "We've

been overwhelmed by the quality and range of response to our call out for writers and directors. The final 18 that we've chosen are some of the most talented emerging theatre makers from the West Midlands.

"We're looking forward to supporting and developing some exciting and adventurous new work with them."

"Through Rep Foundry we are aiming to forge a generation of theatre makers who, as the theatre celebrates its centenary, will take us into the next 100 years."

The first Rep Foundry scratch performance takes place on February 28 at 8pm at the Old Rep Theatre, Station Street, Birmingham, and then on the last Thursday of the month at The Edge, in Cheapside, Digbeth.

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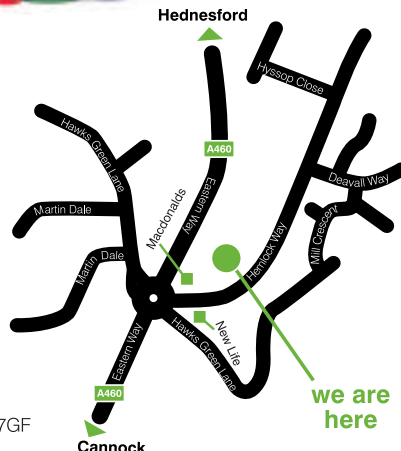
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NEWS

Burns Night party



Owner Scott Murray and piper Hamish McDowell look to celebrate Burns Night at the Premier Suite, Cannock

A POPULAR Cannock venue is celebrating the birthday of Scotland's favourite son with a Burns Night weekend.

The celebrations in honour of poet Robert Burns start at 7.30pm on Saturday, January 26 at the Premier Suite, in High Green.

Entertainment includes Scottish party band Celtica, a Rod Stewart tribute, highland dancers and bagpipers from Stirling. A DJ will play tracks from Scottish bands including Bay City Rollers, The Proclaimers, Wet Wet Wet and Simple Minds.

The evening will include a Scottish themed meal complete with haggis, neeps and tatties. Tickets are £24.50 each. The event starts at 7.30pm.

On Sunday, January 27 a Scottish themed family Sunday lunch will be served from noon, to include a traditional Scottish Ceilidh band, piper, highland dancers and children's magician. Sunday lunch is £15.50 for adults and £5.95 for children. Under 5's eat for free.

Scott Murray, owner of The Premier Suite, said: "This is our sixth Burns Weekend and it is always a great weekend."

For any other information or to make a booking ring The Premier Suite on 01543 572092.

Boxer's support for Till comeback

BOXER Peter Till has received a special message from his legendary friend and former sparring partner Barry McGuigan ahead of his comeback fight.

Till retired as a pro in 1996 - but will step back into the ring for the main event at a boxing at The Premier Suite in High Green, Cannock, on Wednesday January 30.

He was due to fight in November but his opponent pulled out at the last minute.

The 49-year-old fighter will be raising funds for Prostate Cancer UK in memory of his father George, known as Fono, who died from the disease, aged 58.

Just weeks before the fight he has received a touching message from former World featherweight champion McGuigan, with whom he used to spar.

Till, from Coalpool, said: "He sent me a text message wishing me all the best for the fight saying he thought it was a lovely gesture raising money in memory of my father. I was very touched by it and it has spurred me on to train even harder leading up to the fight."

The former Midlands area lightweight champion and a former UK number one had 52 professional fights winning 30, losing 21 and drawing one.

He became friends and sparring partner to Barry McGuigan following a fight



Comeback fighter Peter Till

against Neil Haddock in Port Talbot, Wales, which he won on points.

After approaching McGuigan for a chat and advice, he invited Peter to his home near Luton for sparring sessions. They have remained friends ever since.

There will be six bouts on the night including five undercard fights, culminating in Till's six three minute round contest.

Tickets start from £15. Call 01543 572092 or Peter Till on 07432 142343.

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NEWS

Parents are warned to beware of danger dolls



Stephen and Tammy McMullon and Skye-Lilly and the dolls which have caused so much concern

PEOPLE across the Black Country are being warned to beware of dangerous dolls on sale.

They come in various shapes and names such as crawling dolls with a polka-dots dress, baby dolls with a picture of an animal's head on the chest and fruit head dolls.

They are all subject to a Europe-wide product recall after it emerged they contain phthalates, a poisonous chemical used to soften plastics.

The chemical is banned in children's toys because it can cause cancer, deformities in unborn babies and infertility in men.

The dolls were imported from China. Some were sold without a CE mark and there were no instructions for use or specific warnings. CE marking is a declaration by the manufacturer that the product meets all the appropriate provisions of the relevant legislation.

Playing

Sandwell Trading Standards have received six complaints in connection with these dolls.

One consumer in Cradley Heath reported her children being ill after playing with a fruit head doll.

Cabinet member for neighbourhood services Councillor Ian Jones said: "These toys are potentially lethal for children as they do not comply with the toy safety directive."

"I would urge people who have purchased these dolls to return them and request a full refund."

Bob Charnley, Trading Standards Manager advised "By law all toys should bear a CE mark that demonstrates they have been examined and tested to ensure compliance with essential safety standards."

"Trading standards are trying to find any of the dolls in Sandwell and are working to remove them from sale."

Anyone who thinks they have bought one of these dolls should call Citizens Advice consumer service on 08454 0405 06.

One mother told how she had let her one-year-old daughter play with the dolls before finding out about the ban on the internet.

Tammy McMullon, 23, of Quarry Bank, Dudley, let her daughter Skye-Lilly play with the two colourful fruit head dolls, but then found a warning from trading standards officers in Blackpool who described the toys as dangerous.

Mrs McMullon, of Robin Hood Road, said the toys were bought from a stall by her mother Lisa Chetkowski-Randell and her husband Stephen's grandmother Edna Hill. She said: "I was horrified when I found out."

Taxi and coach business hub is planned for site

A FORMER scrapyard in Willenhall is poised to be used for a taxi and coach hire business. The site in Watery Lane would cater for up to four large coaches, six small coaches and nine taxis or vehicles at one time.

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MEMORY LANE



The large Baker family circa 1897. Joe, one of 15 children, is third from the left on back row next to brother Will



The Bakers with the Lawsons and Bulls on a day out in the country. Joe is at the front with his sister Harriet on the right



Joseph Baker (1876-1955)



Lizzie, whom he married in 1902

Meeting the wife was one of Perks of Joe's hospital stay

by Tom Mason

RESEARCH carried out by members of Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society has revealed the interesting life of one of the village's former residents.

Joseph Baker was born on January 6, 1876 at his grandparents' cottage on Saredon Road and was the eldest of the Bakers' 15 children.

His father William was a miner and well-known in the local pubs and taverns for his loud and overbearing manner.

Later in life the Bakers moved to Littlewood. William, now an overman at the pit, was involved in a terrible disaster that left him severely injured.

William would be out of work for at least 12 months, but luckily the family had been involved in religious revivals that had saved William from drink. It was his friends at the Salem including Rev Thomas Seymour that kept the family going.

He returned to work as a clerk and to sup-

plement his earnings he began to deliver fish from the station to the pits. The successful business led the family, with help from William Crutchley a friend from the Salem, to buy a home in Low street and turn it in to a shop. The store was such a success and it soon became a general store.

At the age of 10, Joe became involved in running the store. Many people at this time relied upon credit and once refused at one store would often move on to the next.

To get their money back, Joe, still a young man at this stage, took the debtors to Walsall's county court, but it made little difference and the family was eventually forced to sell with more than £400 worth of outstanding debt.

By the age of 12, Joe was down the Plant pit earning a shilling a day hauling coal to the surface. Out of these wages, he was allowed to keep a third which he saved and spent on a melodeon and magic lantern.

He set up a show with friend Dickey Merchant and charged local children a ha'penny a time.

Joe would spend the rest of his life down the pit and had two accidents the final one crushing his leg forcing him to take up clerical work at Hawkins Colliery office that he continued doing until 1946.

Crush

It was during his recuperation that Joe was visited by his childhood crush Lizzie Perks and the two were to marry on Christmas Day 1902, setting up home in Hill street. The two would have one child Harriet, who would later marry local lad Sammy Hycock in 1926.

In later life, Joe became devoted to the village that he loved helping out with a number of community projects. During the Second World War, he served on the parish council and was an ARP warden.

Joe eventually passed away aged 79 on March 4, 1955.



Hawkins Colliery office staff with Joe second left on the front row



Joe Baker recuperating in Wolverhampton Hospital in 1900

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What's On! Walsall

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Author to give talk at Central Library

AN AUTHOR will visit Walsall Central Library next month to speak about her work.

Fiona Shaw will be at the Lichfield Street venue on Saturday, February 2, between 2pm and 3.30pm to meet readers.

She will be talking about her latest novel, A Stone's Throw.

Love in the air at romantic readings

ROMANTIC readings will be given at Walsall Leather Museum on Friday, February 15.

Cupid: Quivers of Passion is taking place at the venue at 7.30pm. The event costs £16, including a buffet, and can be booked on (01922) 721153.

Opportunities for the musical youth

YOUNG singers and musicians are invited to an open mic night at Bookmark Bloxwich tomorrow (Friday).

The show at the Elmore Row venue starts at 6.30pm. Call (01922) 712069 to reserve a slot.

Rhydian on the Rocky road back for 40th anniversary

THE REGION'S theatres are back with a bang after panto season thanks to an acclaimed new version of a vintage Ealing comedy, the return of a raunchy rock musical favourite and a classic bodice-ripper.

Wolverhampton Grand stages The Ladykillers, a stage version of the 1950s British black comedy about an old lady pitted against a criminal gang, which has been revamped by Father Ted co-writer Graham Linehan.

It's on at the Lichfield Street theatre from Monday to Saturday and has a top-notch cast, including Michelle Dotrice (who was Betty in TV's Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em), Clive Mantle and Cliff Parisi.

Bronte

Fresh from playing the lead role in Jesus Christ Superstar, Ben Forster becomes Brad opposite Emmerdale's Roxanne Pallett as Janet, being seduced by Oliver Thornton's Frank 'n' Furter in the naughty Rocky Horror Show.

It's at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

They are likely to be upstaged by The X Factor's Welsh singing sensation



Michelle Dotrice as Mrs Wilberforce in black comedy The Ladykillers

Rhydian, who Time Warps back to the city where he was a student, wearing not much more than a posing pouch as Rocky in this 40th anniversary tour.

Hull Truck stage a version of Charlotte Bronte's gothic romance Jane Eyre at the Arena Theatre in Wolverhampton for three performances during Tuesday and Wednesday.



Everything is hunky dory for Rhydian, returning to Birmingham to camp it up in the Rocky Horror Show



Damn it, Janet - Ben Forster as Brad and Roxanne Pallett as Janet, held prisoner by singing alien sex addicts

Nice to see the Strictly dancers

Strictly Come Dancing, NIA, Birmingham

NICE to see them - and it certainly was. As the sixth Strictly Come Dancing tour opened to a packed Birmingham NIA, the atmosphere was electric.

Those famous Bruce words echoed around the packed arena and although he wasn't there in person, his voice could be heard booming out from the two large screens by the stage.

The thousands who made the precarious journey through wintry conditions to see the show were richly rewarded.

Opening to the sounds of Gold from the Strictly singers - that's what the show was. Hosted again by bubbly Kate Thornton the tour boasted everything, stunning costumes, outspoken judges and dazzling dance routines.

The Magnificent Seven, as head judge Len Goodman referred to them, included reigning champion Louis Smith, Denise Van Outen, Phil Tufnell, Dani Harmer, Fern Britton, Lisa Riley, and Michael Vaughan.

Joining Len on the judging panel was the formidable Craig Revel Horwood and the excitable Bruno Tonioli but the final vote was down to the audience.

Louis picked up another win despite Denise scoring a perfect 60 from the judges. At the bottom were Tufnell and Vaughan.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 The Good Cook. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Rugby: Wales Grand Slam 2012. 1.30 Live Athletics: UK International Match. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 Animal Antics.
6.00 Richard Hammond's Secret Service. A woman's home is ruined by graffiti.
6.45 Britain's Brightest. Clare Balding hosts the game show in which six contestants aim to prove they have the brain power to claim the ultimate prize of £50,000.
8.00 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws with OJ Borg.
8.50 Casualty. It is the day of Yvonne's funeral and Jordan is shocked to receive a message asking him to visit the teenager accused of her attack, while her real assailant ends up in the ED.
9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes resorts to the internet to find a date for Valentine's Day. (R)
10.10 BBC News: Weather.
10.30 Film: Meet the Parents. (2000) A male nurse makes a disastrous bid to impress his girlfriend's father – a former CIA agent who does not suffer fools gladly. Comedy, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller; National Lottery Update.
12.15 Film: Buster. (1988) 1.45 Weatherview. 1.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: The Black Rider. (1954) 7.05 Film: The Mouse That Roared. (1959) 8.25 Live Tennis: Australian Open. 11.30 Map Man. (R) 12.00 Indian Food Made Easy. (R) 12.30 EastEnders. (R) 2.25 Live Bowls. 4.30 Jaguars Born Free: Natural World Special. (R) 5.30 Flog It! (R)
6.00 The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. Famous faces enter the Great British Bake Off tent. (R)
7.00 The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. Warwick Davis, Duncan Bannatyne, Simon Reeve and Andy Akinwolere enter the tent, with one of the contestants making the smallest cake ever seen on Bake Off. (R)
8.00 Dad's Army. The platoon takes an efficiency test in a bid to prove its worth, but mistakenly attacks a tea lady with onions from Jones's van. Classic comedy, guest starring Fulton Mackay. (R)
8.30 Natural World: Kangaroo Dundee. Part one of two. Documentary about a man living in the Outback who shares his one-room tin shack with baby kangaroos he has nursed back to health.
9.30 Howard Goodall's Story of Music. New series. The composer examines the history and development of music, beginning by looking back at the first faltering steps humanity took toward creating it.
10.30 QI XL. With Sarah Millican, Jimmy Carr and Johnny Vegas. (R)
11.15 Film: Hard Rain. (1998) Action adventure, starring Christian Slater.
12.45 Bowls. 1.45 Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. 6.10 Handy Manny. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.15 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.30 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 8.05 Ultimate Spider-Man. 8.30 Victorious. (R) 9.00 Jessie. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.25 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 12.10 Live FA Cup Football. 3.00 Dinner Date. (R) 4.00 The Nation's Favourite Abba Song. (R) 5.30 Regional Programme; Weather. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.
6.00 New You've Been Framed! Top 100 Holidays. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 vacation-themed canoodler calamities and viewer-submitted mobile-phone clips.
7.00 Splash! Omid Djalili, Jake Canuso, Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards, Charlotte Jackson and the two celebrities who progressed from heat three battle it out in the semi-final of the diving contest.
8.30 Take Me Out. A basketball player, a gym owner, a music journalist and a product designer enter the love lift in the hope of impressing 30 single women. Paddy McGuinness presents the dating show.
9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Jools Holland, Alicia Keys, Adam Hills and Rose Byrne.
10.45 ITV News: Weather.
11.00 FA Cup Football Highlights.
12.30 The Store. 2.30 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.15 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Beach Volleyball. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.05 Channel 4 News.
6.35 4thought.tv. With some people believing the role of the godparent has been devalued in modern Britain, a member of the public talks about its relevance in an increasingly secular society.
6.40 Film: Mrs Doubtfire. (1993) A divorced actor disguises himself as an ageing female Scottish housekeeper to get a job looking after his own children. Comedy, with Robin Williams, Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan.
9.00 World Without End. Godwyn is outraged when Mother Cecilia rejects his plans to build a palace on the convent estate and issues an edict giving the Priory control over all town land.
10.00 Film: The Hurt Locker. (2008) An American bomb disposal team in Iraq is assigned a new leader whose reckless attitude puts all their lives at risk. Kathryn Bigelow's drama, with Jeremy Renner and Anthony Mackie.
12.40 Film: Cyrus. (2010) 2.15 Hollyoaks. 4.20 Smallville. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. (R) 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Celebrity Big Brother: Final. (R) 1.10 Film: Patricia Cornwell's At Risk. (2010) Mystery, starring Andie MacDowell. 2.55 Everything She Ever Wanted.
6.15 5 News Weekend.
6.20 Impact. An asteroid strikes the moon, knocking its orbit out of kilter and setting it on a collision course with Earth. Disaster drama, starring David James Elliott. (R)
9.45 Film: The Matrix. (1999) A computer hacker joins rebel fighters to free the human race from a virtual-reality fantasy created by machines. Sci-fi action thriller, with Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne.
12.30 SuperCassino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge. Michaela Strachan meets deadly lionfish, Ellie Harrison attends a dinner party in the desert, complete with chameleon guests, and Jamie Crawford joins a pod of dolphins. (R) 4.25 Great Artists. Tim Marlow examines the work of Dutch artist Jan Vermeer, who was renowned for his depictions of simple domestic life during the 17th century. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. Historical spotlight on scenic counties in the UK, focusing on hidden curiosities and little-known facts about each location. (R) 5.05 Hana's Hellpeline. Hana offers advice to Ernie. (R) 5.15 The Milkshake! Show. A curious parcel arrives at the house. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. Thomas takes holiday-makers on a trip. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Merlin 7.45 Doctor Who 8.35 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) 10.45 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano 8.00 The Treasures of Ancient Rome 9.00 Borgen 11.00 The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold
ITV2
5.40 Film: Robots (2005) 7.25 Film: Back to the Future (1985) 9.45 Take Me Out – The Gossip 10.30 Fake Reaction 11.15 Film: The Fugitive (1993)
ITV3
4.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Film: In the Name of the Father (1993)
ITV4
2.25 Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) 5.30 Live Africa Cup of Nations. Algeria v Togo (Kick-off 6.00pm). 8.30 Mourinho 9.30 Film: Escape from New York (1981) 11.35 Film: American History X (1998)
E4
3.35 Rules of Engagement 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy Endings 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 2 Broke Girls 9.00 Film: Dribbit Taylor (2008) 11.05 The Big Bang Theory
Film4
3.20 Arthur's Hallowed Ground (1986) Comedy drama, starring Jimmy Jewel. 4.50 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. 6.40 The Land Girls (1997) Wartime drama, starring Anna Friel. 8.50 Green Zone Interview Special 9.00 Green Zone (2010) Paul Greengrass' thriller, starring Matt Damon. 11.10 White Noise (2004)

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CHOICE



Mark Jenkins

The Hotel Channel 4, 8pm
Admittedly, it can't be easy running a hotel; having the ability to keep everybody happy all the time and doing it through those stubbornly gritted teeth with a pseudo-friendly grin plastered across your face. But if Basil Fawcay can do it, Mark Jenkins is going to make damn sure he can. But he wants to go over and above running a hotel with a so-so reputation that simply ticks over – he wants to broaden The Grosvenor's horizons and attract new guests. Mark ventures into new territory as he plans an Indian night – complete with singing, dancing and lavish feast.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.25 Countryfile. (R) 1.25 Call the Midwife. (R) 2.25 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.25 Chatsworth. (R) 4.25 Songs of Praise. 5.00 Africa. (R)
6.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Blandings. Clarence needs someone to keep his niece Gertrude company, while Freddie has married a Portuguese girl – now all he has to do is conceal the fact from Connie.
7.00 Countryfile. A visit to south Wales, finding out what is being done to rejuvenate the sand dunes on the coast and hearing about a mass Brigand escape from a Bridgend prisoner-of-war camp in 1944. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Call the Midwife. The unexplained death of a newborn baby delivered by Cynthia puts the midwife under intense scrutiny, a chance encounter returns Jimmy to Jenny's life and Chummy pursues a dream.
9.00 Ripper Street. Reid and his team investigate a string of well-executed robberies, bringing Drake into conflict with his former army colonel.
10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Prisoner Number A26188: Henia Bryer. A Jewish woman who survived four Nazi concentration camps.
11.05 Room 101 – Extra Storage.
11.45 The Celebrity Apprentice USA.
1.10 Weatherview. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Close. 7.00 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) 7.30 A to Z of TV Gardening. 8.15 Live Tennis: Australian Open. 12.00 Coast. (R) 1.00 Film: Cowboy. (1958) 2.30 Live Bowls. 5.15 Ski Sunday.
6.00 Plog It! Paul Martin is joined by Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey to value items in Monmouth, south-east Wales, including a selection of Babar books and a pocket globe. (R)
6.30 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. Kate Humble and Dr Helen Czerski follow the Earth's trip around the sun from January to the March equinox. (R)
7.30 Open All Hours. Pilot episode of Roy Clarke's comedy about miserly shopkeeper Arkwright and his put-upon nephew Granville. Starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason. (R)
8.00 Top Gear. New series. The motoring magazine returns. Jeremy Clarkson builds a small car and pitches the concept in the Dragons' Den and Damian Lewis is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
9.00 Wonders of Life. New series. Professor Brian Cox travels around the world to investigate whether the emergence of life was an inevitable consequence of the physical laws that govern the universe.
10.00 Racing Legends: Colin McRae.
11.00 Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop. A profile of the rock band. (R)
12.00 Film: Intimission. (2003)
1.40 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
2.40 Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. 6.10 Handy Manny. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.15 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 8.05 Rated A for Awesome. 8.15 Rated A for Awesome. 8.30 Big Time Rush. 9.00 The Aquabats Super Show. 9.25 House Guest in the Sun. (R) 10.20 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 11.20 My Best House Win Vive la France. (R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather. 12.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 1.30 Rosemary & Thyme. (R) 2.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 3.25 Regional Programme; Weather. 3.30 Live FA Cup Football.
6.05 ITV News: Weather.
6.15 Dancing on Ice. The nine remaining stars compete in a school disco-themed show.
7.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Actress Sheree Murphy and Towie star James Argent take part.
8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The contestants who landed in the bottom two earlier tonight perform new routines as they battle for a place in next week's show. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley present.
9.00 Mr Selfridge. Prima ballerina Anna Pavlova agrees to visit Selfridges, but Agnes's job looks to be under threat when a violent Reg reaches breaking point and gateratches the event.
10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather.
10.20 FA Cup Football Highlights.
11.20 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.
12.15 Crimewatch. (R) 12.40 The Store. 2.40 Monk. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Will & Grace. (R) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.00 Film: Annie. (1982) 4.25 Time Team. 5.30 Deal or No Deal.
6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 Thought.TV. Members of the public talk about the role of godparents.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. A week of dinner parties in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, featuring an American-themed evening, a Wild West-style bash and unusual delicacies including ostrich egg and pig's ears.
8.00 The Hotel. The Grosvenor hosts an Indian-themed night, featuring dancing, singing and a lavish feast – which falls well below the expectations of one millionaire guest.
9.00 Film: The Fighter. (2010) Premiere. Fact-based drama following boxer Micky Ward's rise to a world championship bout, with the aid of his drug-addicted brother. Starring Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale.
11.20 Film: The Firm. (1993) After the murder of two of his colleagues, a law graduate discovers the company that has head-hunted him is controlled by the Mafia. Thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman.
2.05 Honeymoon. (R) 2.40 St Elsewhere. (R) 3.25 Smallville. (R) 4.05 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 6.30 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45 Olive the Ostrich. (R) 6.50 Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20 Animal Antics. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.50 Mio Mao. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Jelly Jam. 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. (R) 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Monkey Life. (R) 11.40 Once Upon a Time. (R) 12.40 Film: Teen Wolf. (1985) 2.30 Film: See Spot Run. (2001) 4.20 Film: The Princess Bride. (1987)
6.10 5 News Weekend.
6.15 Film: Spider-Man 3. (2007) Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and James Franco.
9.00 Person of Interest. Reese recovers from being shot.
10.00 Film: My Best Friend's Girl. (2008) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Dane Cook, Jason Biggs, Kate Hudson and Alec Baldwin.
11.55 Botched Up Bodies. Part two of two. A woman left with 10lb of excess skin after losing 15st. (R)
12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.25 Great Artists. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.15 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.40 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride – Best Ever
8.00 Film: Cool Runnings (1993)
9.30 World's Craziest Fools 10.00 Crazy for Party Drugs 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Timeshift: Of Ice and Men 8.00 Holocaust: A Music Memorial Film from Auschwitz 9.30 Mark Knopfer: A Life in Songs 10.30 Film: Love Like Poison (2010) 11.50 Arena: Dave Brubeck: In His Own Sweet Way
ITV2
4.00 Film: Toy Story (1995) 5.50 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 8.00 The Best of You've Been Framed! 9.00 The Magulaf Weekender 10.00 Film: Wanted (2008)
ITV3
3.40 Lewis 5.40 Murder, She Wrote 6.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 The Best of the Royal Variety 10.00 Film: The Graduate (1967)
ITV4
1.55 Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) 4.30 Live Africa Cup of Nations. Morocco v South Africa or Cape Verde v Angola (Kick-off 5.00pm). 7.30 Police, Camera, Action! 8.00 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Apocalypse Now (1979)
E4
4.30 Revenge 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 6.30 New Girl 7.00 How I Met Your Mother 7.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Fame (2009) 10.05 The New Normal 10.30 2 Broke Girls 11.00 My Mad Fat Diary
Film4
3.05 The Iron Giant (1999) 4.45 Rebound (2005) 6.30 Marley and Me (2008) 8.50 Django Unchained Interview Special 9.00 Aliens (1986) Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver.

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Assassins, Channel 5, 10pm

Hitman Robert Rath is planning to quit his lethal profession, especially when he is stalked by a ruthless younger assassin who has no qualms about killing innocent bystanders. But as Rath takes on his last assignment, he decides to protect his intended target after his rival comes gunning for her. Thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas. (1995)

TUESDAY

Fifty Dead Men Walking, BBC1, 11.55pm

Fact-based thriller telling the story of Martin McGuire, who was recruited as a police informant in 1980s Belfast and sent on a mission to infiltrate the IRA. He rose swiftly through the ranks, providing vital information to the British authorities. Once he was exposed, he was tortured and forced to go into hiding. Starring Jim Sturgess and Ben Kingsley. (2008)

Paper Moon, Channel 4, 2.55am

A Depression-era conman meets a canny nine-year-old orphan, whom he realises could be his daughter, and agrees to take her to her aunt. Along the way, he realises the little girl is just as cunning as he is, and they form a successful criminal partnership. Drama, starring Ryan O'Neal alongside real-life daughter Tatum. With Madeline Kahn and Randy Quaid. (1973)



The Ring 2, Wednesday, BBC1, 12.05am

WEDNESDAY

The Ring 2, BBC1, 12.05am

Journalist Rachel Keller and her son try to rebuild their shattered lives, moving from Seattle to Oregon and starting afresh. However, the vengeful spirit of Samara follows, and this time she is determined to destroy them. Sequel to the horror remake, starring Naomi Watts, Simon Baker and David Dorfman. (2005)

THURSDAY

Navy Seals, Channel 5, 10pm

The US Navy's elite commando force embarks on a dangerous covert mission to rescue hostages from an Arab terrorist in Beirut. However, the assignment proves far more serious than expected when they realise their enemies have acquired powerful stolen missiles. Action adventure, starring Charlie Sheen. (1990)

FRIDAY

The Last Samurai, Channel 5, 9pm

The emperor of Japan recruits an American Civil War veteran to train his troops in a bid to wipe out a rebel faction of samurai warriors. The soldier is taken captive when the imperial army is defeated, and comes to respect his enemies' traditions and code of honour. Historical adventure, starring Tom Cruise. (2003)

Pick of the Week

There's no cheesy role for returning Martine

Well, we've witnessed some extraordinary demises in *Midsomer Murders*, but here's one that really takes the biscuit – death by cheese.

Yes, you really did read that correctly. And what's more, the character involved is played by former soap princess Martine McCutcheon. TV really can be a bizarre concoction at times...

McCutcheon is actually rather good as Debbie Moffett, who is crushed to death by a giant round of cheese at the award-winning dairy where she worked, just hours after an argument at a parents' council meeting at Midsomer Pastures Prep School.

It's been a while since we saw McCutcheon acting, and it seems she enjoyed being back on the box.

"I'm a troublemaker in the episode which is set around a posh prep school. My character is well-to-do and feisty, she's not Tiffany from Albert Square. It's great to do something I wouldn't normally do, as she's not a nice piece of work."

Certainly after Debbie's body is discovered, her colleagues seem

more concerned about the state of the cheese than the woman herself – which probably tells you everything you need to know about her standing in the community.

Barnaby and Jones are also suspicious about the fact that nobody had a bad word to say about her – surely somebody somewhere must have had a crossed word with her at some point.

Eventually, the truth comes out. Debbie's daughter was about to be expelled from school; she was there on a scholarship which comes with strict rules not only for the pupil, but their parents too – and Debbie had broken one by having an affair with her boss, ex-rugby international Gregory Brannan.

Later, another body is found, this time with its mouth full of maggots. What can this mean?

Barnaby believes the answer lies in the dairy – every scrap of evidence the police finds seemed to be linked to it. But picking it all together is where the hard work really starts...

McCutcheon has been performing professionally since the age of 12

when she landed a role in an advert. Modelling assignments, bit parts in TV series and appearances in music videos followed. She then had a stint in girl band Milan before *EastEnders*' bosses came calling.

She spent four years in Albert Square as Tiffany, with her final episode gaining 22 million viewers.

Since then, her career has been hit-and-miss, with a stint as a pop star and successful roles on stage in *My Fair Lady* and on the big screen in *Love Actually* proving to be the highlights.

But maybe happiness in McCutcheon's private life is about to signal a return to stardom – she recently tied the knot with singer-songwriter Jack McManus.

She says: "We are best friends as well as lovers and totally supportive of one another. We feel that we can conquer anything the world throws at us as long as we have each other, and that's a rare thing."

Perhaps this could be her perfect moment at last.



Martine McCutcheon stars in *Midsomer Murders*, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Lewis

ITV, 9pm

In this concluding episode of a two-part story, Lewis realises that pallbearer Liam Jay was beaten up and left for dead because he knows something about Whitby's death. The killer then turns their attention to Liam's girlfriend, and only some quick-thinking by the veteran detective saves her from death when the narrowboat on which she lives is set alight. Hathaway's jaunt to Kosovo soon comes in handy too – Lewis finds out that the Faulkners have a farmhouse in Croatia that may hold vital clues, so he sends his pal to take a look around.

Rory and Will – Champions of the World Channel 5, 9pm

Rory McGrath and Will Mellor – an odd coupling you may think, but they actually work well here. The duo's remit is to become the best in the world at a selection of bizarre events. They begin by journeying to King's Lynn, home of Alan Cooper, the supreme Reliant Robin racer. The famed three-wheelers are driven to near destruction in each race, as Will soon finds out; Rory, meanwhile, adopts some cunning tactics that might just ensure an unlikely win. After that, they try some more sedate pastimes, including coin-tossing, thumb-wrestling and pea-shooting.

TUESDAY

Emmerdale

ITV, 7pm

As a one-time teen mum, Debbie should know the signs that a young girl is about to get out of her

depth. So, when she spots 14-year-old Belle putting make-up on at the bus stop, and then heading back to the empty Dingle homebased arm-in-arm with Luke, she decides to tell Lisa what's going on. The concerned mother rushes home to find the teens canoodling on the sofa and forcibly separates them before warning Luke never to come back.

Dallas

Channel 5, 9pm

Like one of Ewing Oil's lucrative drilling sites, there's a rich seam of nostalgia to be gleaned from this slick revamp, but the loss of Larry Hagman last year was bound to leave fans moist of eye during his final performances. (Fans may note that a full episode later in the season will be devoted to JR's death). This week, Christopher attempts to gain the upper hand in his divorce from Rebecca Sutter (Julie Gonzalo). However, a bombshell soon scuppers his plans, so most of the family puts their differences aside and joins forces. Elsewhere, Ann (Brenda Strong) and Bobby face an alarming secret from her past when Harris Ryland (Mitch Pileggi) blackmails her.

WEDNESDAY

Derek

Channel 4, 10pm

Last April, Ricky Gervais played Derek Noakes, a seemingly autistic 49-year-old care worker who worked at

Broadhill retirement home. It was one of the most touching, original comedy dramas of 2012, and now he's back directing, producing and starring in the first of a six-part series inspired by that pilot. Broadhill faces closure following a visit from the council, but the home's manager, Hannah (Kerry Godliman) is determined they stay open and rallies Derek, Dougie (Karl Pilkington) and Kev (David Earl) to raise money for the home.

THURSDAY

The Secret Life of Dogs

ITV, 9pm

Millions of people in Britain share their homes with a dog but how much do we really know about our four-legged friends? Don't worry, this documentary, narrated by Martin Clunes, isn't a shocking exposé about the dark side of canines, but it

will give us a new insight into their behaviour, and their incredible hearing and sense of smell. We also get to find out how dogs are putting these 'super powers' to work as we hear from the people who owe their lives to a mutt, including Maureen Burns, who believes her collie cross Max defied her breast cancer before the doctors did.



Rory and Will – Champions of the World, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe BBC2, 10pm

When it comes to weekly TV review shows, BBC Two has the genre sewn up with *The Culture Show* and highbrow *The Review Show* covering similar territory. Thankfully Charlie Brooker has never been a member of the stroky chin brigade, and is more likely to ridicule those who are as here he takes a satirical look back at the events of the past seven days, whether it's news, telly, video games or anything else that winds him up. "Weekly Wipe will be a sort of Omnivore, encompassing Newsweek, Screenwipe, Gameswipe and 'Stuffwipe', for want of a better phrase," he Tweeted recently. Some may dislike Brooker's tone, but in a world of slick presenters who look great but say little worth hearing, he's always a breath of fresh air.

FRIDAY

Coronation Street

ITV, 7.30pm

So what if he's charming, well-spoken, and his idea of romance doesn't involve sharing a pack of pork scratchings in the *Rovers Return*? Lewis is still a wrong 'un. Not content with planning to break Gail's heart and empty her bank balance, the conman is also blackmailing Kylie. He informs the horrified barmaid that he won't tell the rest of Weatherfield know that she could be carrying Nick's baby on the condition that she gets him the password to her mother-in-law's bank account. Meanwhile, Gail is getting ready to tell her family that she's moving to Italy using the £40,000 she's borrowed against the house, but her lover is nowhere to be seen – has he already done a runner with her cash?

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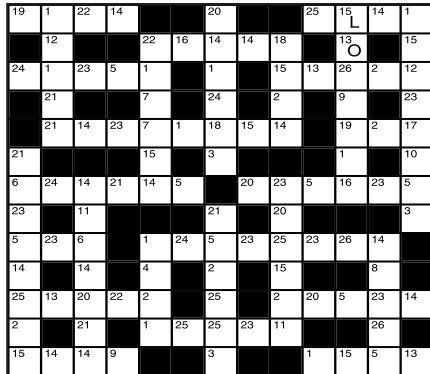
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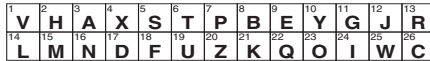
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Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Sounds like a narrow channel without curves (8)
- A spot for a vertical descent (4)
- Not bound to be without charge (4)
- Replacement footballer to command group (8)
- I'd come back with transport for this piece of furniture (5)
- Remove what was once a religious article (7)
- They have a stirring influence beneath the surface (13)
- How large towns are populated? Hardly! (8)
- A good deal of money on the carpet (4)
- A place from which to direct what precis writers do (7)
- Clean up the lottery (5)
- Book coming my way? (4)
- Star skater is out of place here (8)

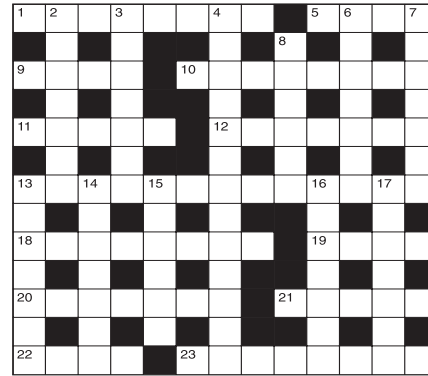
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Across

- Immaculate (8)
- Disable (4)
- Performs (4)
- Artist's paint boards (8)
- Droll (5)
- Protection (7)
- Make-shift (5,3,5)
- Correct answer (8)
- Defeat (4)
- Exhausted (7)
- Truck (5)
- Resound (4)
- Correctly (8)

Down

- Small flute (7)
- Trying (7)
- Permanent rule (8,5)
- Feeler (7)
- Dominance (7)
- Young cow (6)
- Remainder (7)
- Let loose (7)
- Detesting (6)
- Clasp (7)
- Plunder (7)



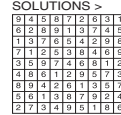
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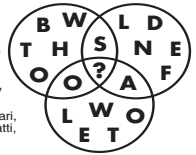
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The letter represented by the question mark is I. Ferrari, Maserati, Bugatti, all sports car manufacturers.

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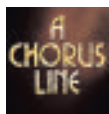
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BLOOR Homes' distinctive Willow Croft development in Aldridge is set to be the perfect place for families looking to enjoy a location that offers the convenience of town with the peace and quiet of the countryside.

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Contemporary

The luxurious five bedroomed Diamond Showhome has double garage, private study and dual en-suites.

All homes feature large bay windows and French doors to ensure their spacious interiors are flooded with natural light and a choice of high quality, contemporary designed kitchens and bathroom fittings as standard.

In fact, visitors to the Willow Croft development, situated within easy access of Birmingham International Airport and the M6, can visit the new Diamond Showhome to get a first hand impression of what makes Bloor one of the largest privately owned housebuilding groups in the UK.

Prices at Willow Croft start from just £244,950 for the four-bedroom detached Opal with single garage.

Willow Croft, Gorsey Way, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 0EQ. Tel 07752 667 397. Showhome open Thursday to Monday, 10.00am-5.00pm.

For more details email to willowcroft@bloorhomes.com or book your viewing online at www.bloorhomes.com



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Large windows and French doors ensure the spacious interiors at Willow Croft are flooded with natural lighting

WOLVERHAMPTON PRESTWOOD ROAD



- Pleasantly appointed ground floor flat
- One bedroom
- Lounge
- Re-fitted bathroom with shower

£395 PCM



- Re-fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Garage & Off road parking
- Unfurnished



- One bedroom ground floor apartment
- Own front door access
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Lounge area
- Off road parking
- Unfurnished

£395 PCM

WILLENHALL KEATS ROAD



- First floor two bed apartment
- Large through lounge
- Kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with shower

£400 PCM



- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Available February

WILLENHALL ROBINSONS GIPSY LANE



- Attractive two bed detached bungalow
- Reception room
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with separate shower room

£450 PCM



- Central heated throughout
- Garden with shed
- Off road parking
- Unfurnished



- Mid terrace property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower over
- Gas CH & Double glazing
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Unfurnished

£450 PCM

WILLENHALL BLOXWICH RD SOUTH



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£475 PCM



- Newly fitted bathroom
- Ample size lounge
- Communal parking area
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LANESFIELD HACKFORD ROAD



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- Lounge
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£575 PCM



- Second floor bathroom
- Double glazed
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- Traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and separate dining
- Kitchen and sun room
- Off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden
- Unfurnished

£495 PCM



- Traditional detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Contemporary fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over
- Gas central heating/Double glazed

£650 PCM



- Semi detached house
- Popular location
- Spacious lounge
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- Presented as furnished
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom with separate WC
- Centrally heated
- Part furnished

£550 PCM



- Two bed semi detached property
- Fully redecorated / new carpets throughout
- Fully fitted kitchen with new
- Bathroom with shower and bath
- Gas central heating throughout
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£475 PCM



- Three bedroom semi detached house
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Central heated and double glazed
- Bathroom with shower
- Garage and off road parking

£475 PCM



- Modernized town house
- One bedroom
- Luxuriously appointed lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Bathroom with electric shower
- Fore garden
- Parking
- Part furnished

£435 pcm



- Traditional style house
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen with oven, hob & dishwasher
- Separate dining room
- Bathroom with shower
- Useful size garden with stone

£495 PCM



- Modern style mid terrace property
- Four bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen with oven & gas hob
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Off road parking

£525 PCM



- Attractive two bed detached bungalow
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Just four luxury homes make up the exclusive Walton Homes development in Kingsbury

Evergreens nearly ready

WALTON Homes' latest housing development, Evergreens in Kingsbury, is 90 per cent complete with the developer putting the finishing touches to these executive homes.

Located on Trinity Road, the intimate development – consisting of just four luxury properties – presents a range of new architectural designs and high-quality finishes.

In-keeping with the attractive village surroundings, each property boasts its own personal name, such as Yewtree House, Orchard House and Evergreen House.

All the homes at Evergreens have now been released for sale, with prices starting from £350,000 for a spacious four bedroom property and £395,000 for an exclusive five bedroom home. Each property boasts landscaped front and rear gardens and detached garages, along with large living and kitchen areas, and an additional reception room – ideal for use as a study or the kids' playroom.

Nigel Deekes, partner at Acres estate agents, Four Oaks, said: "Evergreens is a small, select development in a pleasant village setting, whilst still benefitting from good road links to the M42 and popular out of town shopping centres nearby.

"Offering four substantial homes, the well-designed development perfectly fulfils

the needs of growing families. Each property has been built to an excellent standard, boasting careful attention to detail, particularly on those finishing touches which really add value and convenience to modern family living."

Evergreens has good road links to Tamworth and Lichfield, and the A4097 Kingsbury Road provides access to the M6 toll road and M42.

Helen Rollason, sales manager at Walton Homes added: "People are increasingly turned-off by large uniform estates that lack space and individuality; the homes at Evergreens are perfect for people who are looking for a unique new-build property."

"Each property comes complete with luxury fixtures and fittings, including Symphony kitchens and contemporary bathrooms equipped with Porcelanosa sanitaryware. Those people who reserve before the end of January could have moved into their new dream home in time to see the daffodils come out!"

For further information on Evergreens, visit Acres estate agents in Four Oaks, or the Millfields marketing suite, open from 11am to 5pm Thursday-Monday, at Brookside Way, Wilnecote, Tamworth. Call 0121 323 3088, or log onto www.waltonhomes.co.uk

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Situated close to Tamworth town centre this first floor flat has gas central heating and double glazing and would make an ideal investor purchase. Briefly comprising: Communal Entrance, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom & Utility Area. Energy Rating G

LOT 2 7 Junction Road, Stourbridge

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Recently renovated detached family home situated in a sought after residential area with gas fired central heating and double glazing, the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Guest Cloakroom, Extended Full Width Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Street Parking, Fore and Attractive Rear Gardens. Energy Rating D.

GUIDE PRICE £125,000- £135,000

LOT 3 56 Tunnel Street, Bilston

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GUIDE PRICE £110,000-£130,000

A detached family residence ideal for an investor benefitting from gas central heating and double glazing comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Extended Dining Room, Kitchen, W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Detached Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens. Viewing by appointment. Energy Rating D.

LOT 4 91 Kenyon Forge, Birmingham

Viewing: 25th January & 1st February at 11.00am



GUIDE PRICE £60,000- £70,000

Top floor one bedroom apartment located in a new development situated in the Jewellery Quarter. Walking distance to St Paul's Square, Snow Hill Station and tram stop. Comprises hallway, open plan kitchen / lounge / dining area, bedroom and bathroom. Early viewing is recommended on this courtyard facing apartment. Energy Rating C.

LOT 5 4 Relay House, Wednesbury

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A prestigious two storey office building, situated on an ideal and convenient corner plot, located at the junction with Upper High Street. Wednesbury is located 6 miles North east of Birmingham City centre and benefits from good road links via the M6. The property lends itself to various redevelopment opportunities, the Ground Floor retail sales suite has A3 Planning Consent (DC/1254868) whilst the First Floor Office Suites having Residential Planning Consent (DC/12/54868) for conversion to 6 Apartments with the addition of a third floor provides a further 4 apartments. Energy Rating G.

GUIDE PRICE £130,000- £150,000

LOT 6 38 Norman Road, Northfield

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GUIDE PRICE £190,000- £210,000

A particularly spacious traditional property situated in this quiet and highly regarded residential road in need of considerable modernisation but retaining many original features and offering tremendous potential to the discerning purchaser. Having mostly gas central heating and some double glazing, the accommodation includes Vestibule, Impressive Reception Hall with Minton tiled floor, Downstairs W.C., Cellar, Lounge with solid fuel stove and large Veranda off, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Side Veranda with Outhouses, Three Bedrooms to the first floor and Bathroom, Three Further Bedrooms to the Second Floor, Impressive Rear Garden, Fore Garden with parking. Energy Rating F.

LOT 7 20 Orchard Grove, Walsall

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GUIDE PRICE £150,000- £170,000

This traditionally styled semi-detached residence is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac within a short distance of Aldridge village centre. Enjoying the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing the property has been extended at ground and second floor levels and now offers spacious living accommodation which would make an ideal purchase for a young family or investor. The accommodation comprises: Open Plan Lounge Area, Utility, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Downstairs Shower Room/Guest W.C., Games Room/Bedroom Four, Three Bedrooms, Attic Room with En-Suite Shower Room, Fore and Rear Gardens. Energy Rating D.

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LOT 9 36 Circuit Close, Willenhall

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GUIDE PRICE £20,000-£25,000

Purpose built first floor studio flat set in a popular residential development being offered for sale as an investment. Currently let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy at £250.00 PCM. Energy Rating D.

LOT 10 33 Daw End, Rushall

Viewing: 28th January & 2nd February at 12.30pm



GUIDE PRICE £65,000-£75,000

Delightfully situated Victorian end terraced property in need of some improvement and modernisation making an ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investor. Located between Rushall and Aldridge the property comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Loft Room & Enclosed Rear Garden. Energy Rating F.

LOT 11 68 Stockwell Road, Handsworth

Viewing: 28th January & 2nd February at 11.30am



In need of total modernisation and improvement, this Victorian mid terraced property is situated in a sought after residential area and would make an ideal purchase for a builder or investor, two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. Energy Rating E.

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 PLUS

LOT 12 95 Princes Avenue, Walsall

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through the Auctioneers



GUIDE PRICE £120,000- £140,000

Situated close to Walsall Town Centre in a popular residential area, this traditionally styled semi detached property has gas fired central heating and double glazing and offers scope for further improvement. The property comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens. Energy Rating E.



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FOR SALE BALMORAL DR, NEW INVENTION Spacious Semi Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/Diner With Patio Doors Into Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Three Generous Bedrooms, Additional Loft Room, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Cote Print Driveway, Popular Location NO CHAIN. £129,995	FOR SALE OAK ROAD, WILLENHALL Well Presented Three Bed Traditional Semi Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner/Sitting Room, Family Bathroom, Part Double Glazing, Central Heating, Garage And Off Road Parking. Sought After Location. NO CHAIN. £129,995	FOR SALE CHATSWORTH CL, WILLENHALL Immaculately Presented Extended Three Bed End Terrace, Spacious Through Lounge, Open Plan Breakfast Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Groundfloor W.C, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking. £124,995	FOR SALE STUBBY LANE, WEDNESFIELD Well Presented Three Bed Traditional Semi, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Double Length Driveway, Large Rear Garden, Popular Location. £119,995	FOR SALE LICHFIELD RD, WEDNESFIELD Spacious Three Bed Mid-Town House Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen Diner/Sitting Room, Conservatory, Large Bathroom And Three Good Sized Bedrooms, C/Heating, UPVC D/Glazing. £112,995	FOR SALE ST CHADS ROAD, BILSTON Extended Two Bed Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Dining/Utility Area, Wet Room, C/Heating, Majority D/Glazing, Off Road Parking, Front And Rear Gardens. Ideal Investment Or First Time Buy! £112,500	FOR SALE CHATSWORTH CLOSE, WILLENHALL Well Presented Modern Two Bed Semi Having Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom With Jacuzzi Bath, Detached Garage, Driveway, UPVC Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating. £109,995	FOR SALE HARPER STREET, WILLENHALL Two Bed Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W/C, Lounge, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, D/Glazing & C/Heating, Allocated Parking And Enclosed Rear Garden. £109,995
FOR SALE CIRCUIT CLOSE, WILLENHALL Well Presented End Town House, Comprising Of Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Spacious Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Off Road Parking. Cul-De-Sac Location, Ideal First Time Buy! £99,995	FOR SALE ROCHESTER CROFT, REEDSWOOD Well Presented Modern Two Bed Mid Town House, Comprising Of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Shower Room, Also Benefitting From D/Glazing And C/Heating, Rear Garden, Ideal First Time Buy! £99,995	FOR SALE BAYNTON ROAD, NEW INVENTION Three Bed Semi Comprising Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Part D/Glazing, Part C/Heating, Rear Garden, Integral Garage And Off Road Parking. Requires Improvements, Great First Time Buy Or Investment! No Chain! £95,000	FOR SALE KENNEDY CRESCENT, DARLSTON Well Presented Three Bed Semi Having Lounge, Spacious Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor Bathroom, Three Good Sized Bedrooms, First Floor W.C, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating And Off Road Parking. £94,500 ONO	FOR SALE STROUD AVENUE, WILLENHALL Two Bedroom End Town House Having Modern Fitted Kitchen, Lounge With Open Plan Staircase, Two Double Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden, Garage In A Separate Block. £92,500	FOR SALE SQUIRES GROVE, WILLENHALL Well Presented Modern First Floor Apartment In This Popular Location, Lounge/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Master With En-Suite, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Electric Heating, D/Glazing, Allocated Parking, Must View! £89,995	FOR SALE BROADWATERS RD, DARLSTON Three Bed End Town House Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom With W/C, Three Bedrooms, UPVC D/Glazing Throughout, Off Road Parking For Two Vehicles, Large Rear Garden With Workshop, Ideal Investment Or FTB. £87,995	FOR SALE KING EDWARD STREET, DARLSTON Well Presented Two Bed Mid Terrace, Two Reception Rooms, Extended Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms, First Floor W.C, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Private Rear Garden. £86,000
TO LET HARPER ST, WILLENHALL Modern Four Bed Three Storey Mid Town House Having Entrance Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Ground Floor W/C, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Allocated Parking And Enclosed Rear Garden. £575 PCM	FOR SALE STAFFORD ROAD, DARLSTON New Build Two Bed Semi, Spacious Lounge/Reception Area, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Ideal First Time Buy, Two Available. Offers In Excess Of £80,000 £80,000 O.I.E.O	NEW TEMPLE RD, WILLENHALL Well Presented Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Comprising Of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front And Rear Gardens. £79,995	FOR SALE REMINGTON ROAD, BEECHDALE Spacious Three Bed Mid-Town House, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate WC, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden Having Vehicle Access. Ideal Buy To Let Or First Time Buy! £79,950 ONO	FOR SALE RYDAL CLOSE, WEDNESFIELD Well Presented One Bedroom First Floor Maisonette Comprising Of Entrance Hallway/Utility, Dining Area, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom And Modern Fitted Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden. £69,995	TO LET HOLMAN CLOSE, WILLENHALL Well Presented Two Bed End Townhouse Having UPVC Entrance Porch, Modern Fitted Kitchen Diner, Lounge, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC, Part D/Glazing, C/Heating And Rear Garden. £500 PCM	TO LET CROFT ST, WILLENHALL Two Bedroom End Terrace Property Comprising Of Lounge, Spacious Kitchen, Two Good Sized Bedrooms, First Floor Family Bathroom, Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating Close To Willenhall Town Centre. £450 PCM	TO LET HAWKSWELL DRIVE, HADLEY HEATH «ADAPTED FOR DISABLED LIVING» Three Bed Semi, Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bedroom With Wet Room, Two First Floor Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking, Private Rear Garden. £550 PCM
TO LET ST CHADS ROAD, BILSTON Two Bed Detached Bungalow Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining/Utility Area, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Wet Room, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking. £500 PCM	TO LET YALE ROAD, WILLENHALL Well Presented Two Bedroom First Floor Flat Comprising Of Secure Communal Entrance, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen With Appliances, Fitted Bathroom, C/Heating And D/Glazing, Great Transport Links. £500 PCM	TO LET MILL STREET, WILLENHALL Spacious Second Floor Two Bed Flat Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms, C/Heating & D/Glazing Throughout And Has A Private Car Park. Close To Willenhall Town Centre. £450 PCM	TO LET FROBISHER CL, GREAT WYRLEY Three Bedroom End Town House Comprising Of Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Part Gas Central Heating, Front And Rear Gardens. £450 PCM	TO LET HART ROAD, WEDNESFIELD Well Presented Three Bedroomed End Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, UPVC Double Glazing, Central Heating And Rear Garden. £425 PCM	TO LET TENNYSON RD, SHORT HEATH Two Bed Second Floor Flat Having Communal Entrance, Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating & Off Road Parking Area. £425 PCM	TO LET WILLENHALL ROAD, PORTOBELLO Spacious Two Bedroom Second Floor Flat Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Modern Bathroom, Modern Fitted Kitchen, UPVC D/Glazing, Part Electric Heating, Off Road Parking And Communal Gardens With Allocated Brick Built Storage Shed, Must View. £400 PCM	TO LET SLATER STREET, WILLENHALL Recently Refurbished Mid Terrace Property Having Good Sized Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Three Generous Sized Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, Central Heating And Off Road Parking. £500 PCM

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NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL ESSINGTON ROAD

- Brand new development of two detached bungalows
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious living room & dining area
- Double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Fitted kitchen with oven & dishwasher
- Detached garage in separate block
- Enclosed rear garden
- Viewing essential to appreciate

£169,995 ONLY ONE REMAINING



WEDNESFIELD ELARDS DRIVE

- Beautifully presented detached property in quiet cul-de-sac
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge & dining room
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Refitted kitchen & separate utility
- Refitted shower room
- Garage & concrete patio off road parking
- Viewing essential to appreciate this family home
- Energy Rating 'E'

WAS £159,995 NOW £157,500



SHORT HEATH HUNTS LANE

- Superbly presented detached property
- Three good size bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Well appointed dining kitchen
- Luxury bathroom
- Superb en-suite shower room
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Driveway, rear garden
- Energy Rating 'C'

£169,950 MUST BE VIEWED



SUMMER HAYES FENN RISE

- Spacious link detached bungalow
- Extended to the side elevation
- Three bedrooms & dressing room
- Majority triple glazing, gas central heating
- 32ft double length garage, rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

£164,950



SNEYD PARK CEDAR PARK ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom with white suite
- Garage/carport
- Energy Rating 'D'

£139,950



NEW INVENTION GLAMIS ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed link detached property
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- 28ft side garage
- Established garden
- Energy Rating 'C'

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £160,000



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WILLENHALL PRINCETHORPE ROAD

- Superbly appointed spacious modern end town house
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Three/four bedrooms, two with en-suites
- Lounge/occasional bedroom four
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Living room, dining kitchen with Juliet balcony
- Pleasant rear garden
- Energy Rating 'C'

£154,995 OFFERS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED



OFF OVERDALE DRIVE, WALSALL CONDOR CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen and utility room/study
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £139,950, NOW £137,500 NO CHAIN



WEDNESFIELD BROAD LANE NORTH

- Pleasant semi detached property
- Much sought after location
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Through lounge/diner
- Potential to extend and improve
- Garage & off road parking
- No upward chain
- Energy Rating 'C'

WAS £139,995, NOW £134,995

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COPPICE FARM BUTEMERE GROVE

- Extended end town house & hub
- Four bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority double glazed windows
- Fitted dining kitchen with oven
- Utility room and downstairs wc
- Garage & concrete print driveway
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £140,000, NOW £134,000 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL PRINCETHORPE ROAD

- Modern End Town House
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Good size rear garden
- Driveway to the fore
- Energy Rating 'C'

£125,000



WILLENHALL YALE ROAD

- Modern style mid town house
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathrooms
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Driveway, garden to the rear
- Energy Rating 'C'

£119,950



COPPICE FARM HIGHMOOR CLOSE

- Modern style semi detached on generous corner plot
- Potential to extend (subject to planning permission)
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Lounge & breakfast kitchen
- Sun room & conservatory
- Energy Rating 'D'

£118,000, VIEWING RECOMMENDED



SHORT HEATH TENNYSON ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed improved traditional style and town house
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed windows, gas central heating
- 19ft through house
- Superb refitted kitchen including oven & hob
- Utility/pantry
- First floor bathroom with shower
- Garden to the rear
- Energy Rating 'D'

£109,500 OFFERS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED



BENTLEY WREXHAM AVENUE

- Extended traditional style semi detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Garage and driveway
- Views over Bentley Leisure Pavilion
- Energy Rating 'E'

WAS £109,950, NOW £107,000 NO CHAIN



WEDNESFIELD HAWTHORNE ROAD

- Modern style semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Part double glazing
- Potential to improve and/or re-model
- Pretty enclosed rear garden & off road parking
- REAL FIRST TIME BUY!
- Energy Rating 'E'

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £104,995



DARLASTON MEMORY LANE

- Well presented modern style semi detached property
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Storage heating
- Double glazing
- 23ft garage, garden to the rear
- Energy Rating 'D'

£99,950



WEDNESFIELD BRINDLEY AVENUE

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- 20ft through lounge diner
- Block paved off road parking
- Ideal first time buy or buy to let
- No upward chain
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £99,995, NOW £97,500



WILLENHALL PACKWOOD CLOSE

- Excellent modern style semi detached property
- Planning permission granted for side extension
- Two bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Fitted bathroom with shower for side extension
- Pleasant 12ft front lounge
- Enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

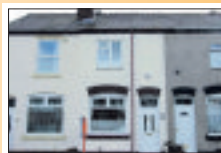
OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £96,000



NEW INVENTION TAVERNERS CLOSE

- Pleasant one bedroom modern style semi detached property
- En-suite bathroom with shower
- Lounge & separate dining/sun room
- Fitted kitchen inc oven & hob
- Gas central heating
- Garage and driveway
- Views over Bentley Leisure Pavilion
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Energy Rating 'D'

£87,950 OFFERS



WILLENHALL LISTER STREET

- Three bedroom mid terrace property
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Three good size bedrooms
- Pleasant garden to the rear
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £94,950, NOW £85,000 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL ERNEST CLARKE CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed mid terrace property
- Spacious lounge with dining area
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Bedroom with separate toilet
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Gardens to front and rear
- Energy Rating 'C'

£84,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL BILSTON LANE

- Spacious and terraced property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Part UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Fitted kitchen and downstairs wc
- Rear parking and garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

OFFERS OVER £80,000 IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE



WALSALL MOORSIDE GARDENS

- Pleasant spacious first floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- 14ft lounge
- Well equipped fitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom with shower & separate wc
- Communal gardens & outside store
- Energy Rating 'C'

£78,950 OFFERS



WILLENHALL BENTLEY LANE

- Superb well appointed five bedroom detached family residence
- Spacious lounge, dining room
- Impressive breakfast kitchen
- Utility & guest wc • En-suite shower room
- Refitted family shower room
- Refitted family bathroom
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Pleasant rear garden, driveway
- Energy Rating 'C'

£200,000



WILLENHALL REGENCY STREET

- Period and terraced property
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen and breakfast area/utility
- Two bedrooms, one with attic area
- Bathroom
- Rear garden
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Energy Rating 'E'

£87,000 NO CHAIN



BENTLEY ATLEE ROAD

- Extended semi detached property
- Three 1st floor bedrooms
- Ground floor extended bedroom four
- 19th through lounge
- Downstairs cloakroom with wc
- Fitted kitchen and adjacent lobby
- Pleasant rear garden
- Gas central heating, part UPVC double glazed windows
- Energy Rating 'D'

£125,000



WILLENHALL VICTORIA COURT, GRANVILLE STREET

- Superbly appointed ground floor corner apartment
- Two bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes
- Open plan lounge/dining kitchen
- Spacious bathroom
- Allocated parking space with security gates
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Energy Rating 'C'

£87,500 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL GOUGH STREET

- Well maintained & pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Driveway with ample parking
- Large side/rear garden
- Energy Rating 'E'

£85,000 NO CHAIN



WOLVERHAMPTON WILLENHALL ROAD

- Mid terraced property
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Gardens to front & rear
- Energy Rating 'D'

£77,500 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL COTSWOLD GROVE

- Ground floor flat in popular location
- Over 55's development
- Lounge, Kitchen
- One bedroom
- Bathroom
- Double glazing, storage heating
- No chain
- Energy Rating 'E'

£49,950 for 70% shared ownership



SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- Much improved three bedroom detached bungalow
- Lounge
- Double glazing, gas central
- Energy Rating 'E'
- Spacious bathroom • Garage & driveway
- Superb breakfast kitchen, Utility
- Established rear gardens
- Energy Rating 'E'

£195,000



WILLENHALL BILSTON ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed detached property
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Lounge, Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms, three with fitted wardrobes
- Potential to extend to rear (subject to planning)
- Off road parking
- Energy Rating 'E'

£175,000



COPPICE FARM BUTTERMERE GROVE

- Superb extended five bedroom modern detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Office/occasional bedroom 6
- Conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- En-suite shower room
- Excellent fitted bathroom
- Energy Rating 'C'

WAS £289,950, NOW £279,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



WILLENHALL ALTON AVENUE

- Three bedroom double fronted traditional style semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen including oven & hob
- Utility room & downstairs w.c., fitted shower room
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazed windows
- Garage & concrete print driveway
- Generous lawned rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £148,995 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL MILFORD AVENUE

- Much improved three bedroom semi detached property
- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Driveway, front and rear gardens
- Energy Rating 'C'

£130,000



NEW INVENTION BALMORAL DRIVE

- Pleasant three bedroom semi detached property
- Gas central heating
- Majority UPVC double glazing
- Through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Store room/playroom
- Pleasant rear garden with timber decked patio
- Energy Rating 'D'

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £125,000



WOLVERHAMPTON ACKLETON GARDENS

- Much improved semi detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Spacious lounge
- Refitted bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £114,950, NOW £109,950 NO CHAIN



HADLEY HEATH, WILLENHALL FAWLEY CLOSE

- Pleasant improved modern style semi
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Carpet with double doors to the front
- Attractive enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating 'C'

£103,000



WILLENHALL CLOTHIER STREET

- Spacious Victorian style end terraced property
- Two bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Part UPVC double glazed windows
- Ideal first time purchase
- Energy Rating 'E'

£86,000 NO CHAIN

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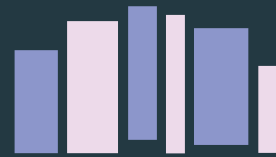
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- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- 2 luxury bathrooms both with showers
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Detached double garage and conservatory

NEW £650 pcm

Woodside Road

- A superb 3bed detached property
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with gas cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom and downstairs WC
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Secure enclosed rear garden, viewing recommended

NEW £650 pcm

The Crescent

- A superb 4bed semi detached
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- Traditional kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Driveway for 2 cars and utility area

NEW £495 pcm

Wenlock Gardens

- A 3bed semi detached property
- 1 Spacious reception room
- A good size modern fitted kitchen
- A pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating throughout
- Dss accepted with a guarantor

NEW £495 pcm

Selbourne Close

- A 3bed spacious mid-terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- A modern fitted kitchen
- Superb upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Fully enclosed rear garden

NEW £450pcm

Prince Street

- An excellent 2bed mid terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- Superb kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Dss Accepted

NEW £350 pcm

Victor Street

- 1 Bed ground floor flat
- Spacious lounge area
- Large Fitted kitchen
- Good sized bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating/Double glazing
- Dss accepted with guarantor

NEW £325 pcm

Ablewell Street

- A pleasant 1 bed apartment
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- Town centre location

£695 pcm

Penryn Road

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- Double Glazing and secure Parking

£650 pcm

Asterway, Tamebridge

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- Spacious open plan lounge/dinning
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family bathroom, Master en-suite and WC
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Access to garage

£600 pcm

Tasker Street, Walsall

- A 5 double bedroom terraced property
- Consists of 2 large reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with units
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- DSS accepted and a large rear garden

£550 pcm

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Laburnham Road

- A 3 bed semi detached property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern kitchen/diner with cooker
- Pleasant upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden

£525 pcm

Bath Road

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£500 pcm

Addenbrooke Street,

- A spacious 3 bed end terrace property
- Spacious front and rear reception rooms
- Large modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- DSS accepted and Refurbished

£500 pcm

Coalway Road

- A 3 bed semi detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Side utility and downstairs WC
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing

£500 pcm

Addenbrooke Street,

- A spacious 3 bed end terraced property
- 2 Spacious reception rooms front and rear
- Large modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing throughout
- Dss accepted and Refurbished throughout

£495 pcm

South Street

- A superb 3bed mid terrace
- 1 Spacious reception room
- Good size fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom downstairs WC
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Low maintenance rear garden

£495 pcm

Pleck Road, Pleck

- A re-furnished 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden DSS accepted

£495 pcm

Abbey Square, Bloxwich

- A 3 bed mid terrace property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Fitted family kitchen/diner
- Upstairs bathroom with separate WC
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£475 pcm

Kingsley Street

- A 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious through lounge
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£475 pcm

Scarborough Road, Pleck

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£475 pcm

Scarborough Road

- A recently re-furnished 2 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs bathroom with separate shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£450 pcm

Highgate Road

- Superb ground floor apartment
- Large modern kitchen/Diner
- Good sized living room
- 2 Double bedrooms
- A pleasant bathroom with white suite
- Gas central heating throughout

£450 pcm

Dora Street

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- Spacious through lounge
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£430 pcm

Walstead Road

- A 1st floor 2 bed apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Good size family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Parking space DSS accepted

£395 pcm

Darlaston Road

- A traditional 3 bed end terrace property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted, rent in arrears for HB

£375 pcm

Bloxwich Road, Leamore

- Top floor studio apartment
- Modern fitted bathroom with shower
- Spacious living area
- Modern Fitted kitchen units
- Dss accepted with guarantor
- Rent accepted in arrears for HB

£360 pcm

Church Street, Darlaston

- A 1 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 Good size reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Good size bathroom
- Gas central heating, DSS accepted
- Choice of 2 apartments

£325 pcm

Austin House, Netherton

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● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating
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● Gardens●No Pets or Smokers
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● Kitchen & Bathroom
● Garage
● DHSS Accepted
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● Shower Room●Front & Rear Gardens
● Off Road Parking
● DHSS Accepted
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● Two bedroom apartments
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● Bathroom
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● Lounge with Laminate Flooring
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● Garage & Allocated Parking Space
● Sorry No DHSS
£475 PCM



**Walsall
Blackthorne Road**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom
● Part Central Heated
● Double Glazing●Off Road Parking
● Front & Rear Gardens●Sorry No DHSS
£475 PCM



**Bloxwich
Nursery Road**
● Three Bedroom Semi
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom
● Downstairs W.C.
● Front and Rear Gardens
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted
£475 PCM



**Bloxwich
Blakenall Lane**
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Kitchen●Two Reception Rooms
● Ground Floor Bathroom
● Further Room with W.C & Wash Basin
● Gardens●DHSS Considered
£475 PCM



**Willenhall
Brereton Road**
● Two Bedroom Terrace
● Lounge●Kitchen●Dining Room
● Double Glazing
● Front Garden with Driveway
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted
£475 PCM



**Bloxwich
Chepstow Way**
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Bathroom●Double Glazing
● Gas Central Heating
● Front & Rear Gardens
● DHSS Accepted
£460 PCM



**Bloxwich
Foster Street**
● Two Bedroom Terrace
● One Reception Room
● Reception Hallway
● Off Road Parking
● DHSS Accepted
£450 PCM



**Willenhall
Hales Street**
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Large Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Family Bathroom●Rear Garden
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating
● Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
£450 PCM



**Walsall
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● Two Bed Refurbished Property
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● Fitted Kitchen
● Bathroom
● DHSS Accepted
£430 PCM



**Bloxwich
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● Communal Grounds●Allocated Parking
● DHSS Accepted
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**Walker Road
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● Two Bedroom Apartments
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● Gas Central Heating
● Double Glazing
● DHSS Accepted
£425 PCM



**Walsall
Kent Street**
● Three Bed Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Kitchen●Bathroom
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted
● Sorry no Pets or Smokers
£425 PCM



**Walsall
Cairns Street**
● Two Bedroom Terrace
● Being Refurbished throughout
● Kitchen●Family Bathroom
● Reception Hallway
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted
£425 PCM



**Bloxwich
Green Lane**
● Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
● Lounge with Storage/Cloak Cupboard
● Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom
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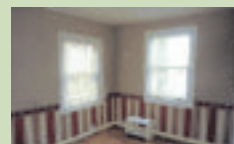
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● Lounge●Fitted kitchen
● Bathroom
● Courtyard parking
● DHSS Accepted
From £400 PCM



**Bloxwich
Harrison Street**
● Two Bedroom Flats
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Double Glazing
● Electric heating
● DHSS Accepted
£400 PCM



**Bloxwich
High Street**
● One Bedroom Flat
● Large Lounge●Kitchen
● Large Bathroom
● Double Glazing●Electric Heating
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted
£400 PCM



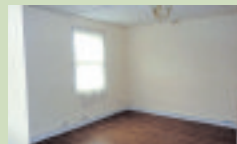
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● Bloxwich High St Location
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● Stairs to Second Bedroom
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted
£400 PCM



**Walsall
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● Modern Studio Flat
● Fitted Kitchen
● Shower Room
● Heating●Balcony
● Sorry No DHSS
£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
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● One Bedroom Flat
● Kitchen●Bathroom
● Central Heating
● Double Glazing
● Sorry No DHSS
£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
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● Lounge●Shower Room
● Kitchen●Electric Heating
● Double Glazing●Parking Space To Rear
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**Willenhall
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● One Bedroom
● Lounge●Modern Fitted Kitchen
● Modern Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted
£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
Parker Street**
● One Bedroom Flats
● Lounge●Kitchen
● Bathroom
● Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted
£370 PCM



**Walsall
Moat Road**
● Two Bed Flat above retail premises
● Bloxwich High St Location
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Shower Room
● DHSS Accepted
£350 PCM



**Bloxwich
Barracks Lane**
● One Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Bathroom
● Double Glazing●Electric Heating
● DHSS Accepted
£300 PCM



**Walsall
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Your essential guide to the world of motoring compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

Kia Optima is one of a kind in big business saloon stakes

 SHOULD
 you be

By Ian Donald

 captivated by the
 sculpted lines of
 Kia's new big

 saloon you ought to find the
 buying process pleasantly
 simple.

For starters, there's just one engine on offer – a fairly modest diesel – and one body shape – a saloon, with no talk of hatch or estate on the horizon.

So you'll just have to concentrate on colour and fittings and perhaps go for the auto over a conventional gearchange.

And that's it, although you might not want to hang around. Kia has only modest sales targets for the Optima and might be surprised at the interest this handsome machine generates.

It's a big car, longer even than Ford's Galaxy and to my eyes a much more handsome design, a shape overseen by the man who spent some years drawing new Audis for a living before being tempted away to inject style into Kias from Korea.

The Optima marks the completion of part one of the project that has seen eight new cars in seven years and turned Kia from a company that sold cars because they were cheap to ones that represent good value – an important difference.

Good value (think Marks & Spencer)

means we'll pay a bit more for something that looks good, making us feel better and the retailer a little bit better off.

Most Optimas will end up as company cars and aren't going to be upstaged in the company car park in a sea of Galaxies and Insignias, especially when the Kia's keeper starts describing what came as standard with the car.

All Optimas share the same engine but come with a choice of four grades. The entry level Optima 1 (see, I said it was simple) costs £19,595 and has the business car essentials of air con, electric windows, Bluetooth, alloys and adjustable lumbar support for the driver – along with a huge boot easily made bigger still by folding the rear seats.

Next up is the Optima 2 in Luxe or Tech guise, each costing the same £21,695. Both have dual zone air conditioning, heated front seats (with memory and electric adjustment for the driver), reversing sensors and a more easily read instrument panel.

The Luxe then adds part leather seats, sunroof, iPod cable, big 18 inch alloy wheels and a reversing camera. Opt for the Tech and you'll find a 12 speaker

sound system, smaller alloys and touch screen satellite navigation.

The Tech looks the bargain buy of the range, which is topped by the £24,495 Optima 3 which adds xenon headlights, full leather upholstery... even an automatic parking system, heated rear seats and the ability of the hard-pressed driver to cool his seat at the push of a button.

So it looks good (inside and out) and comes with lots of kit, but how does this promising newcomer drive?

Pretty well is the quick answer. The 1.7 litre, 134bhp diesel engine is vocal when cold but decently subdued once warmed through and provides enough performance to keep a busy company driver on schedule.

An automatic model was less impressive, adding vibrations through the floor and keeping the revs annoyingly high when stopped at the lights and not looking worth the £1,500 charged for dispensing with a clutch pedal.

The manual gearchange 2 Luxe on test was much more refined, with a ride that felt busy on bad roads but calmed down at a business-like cruise on the motorway.

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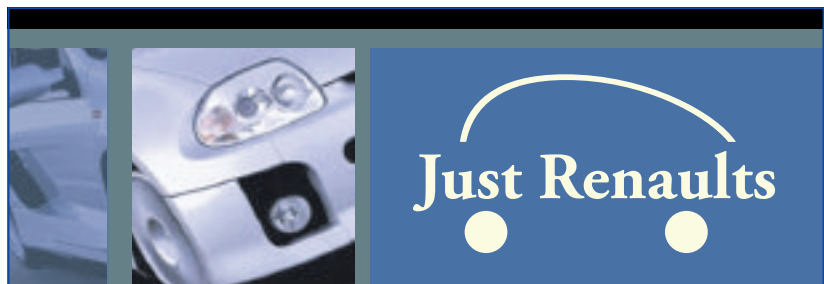

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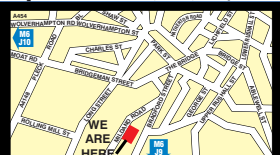
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Popular choice – the Audi A1 1.2TFSI SE is available at £199 advance payment through Motability

Time to get moving

IT'S a new year and Motability, the leading car scheme for disabled people, has unveiled a great range of 2,000 cars in its New Year price list.

Disabled motorists can now choose from over 300 cars at no Advance Payment, meaning there's no upfront additional cost when leasing a reliable new car through Motability.

The iconic MINI 1.6 One, compact Toyota Yaris 1.33VVT-1R and nippy Kia Venga 1.6 2 are all currently available with no Advance Payment.

While for those that require more room, larger vehicles such as the spacious Chevrolet Cruze 1.6 LT, the popular Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Exclusiv and the stylish Ford Focus 1.6 125 Zetec are also all available with no Advance Payment.

Anyone who receives the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Dis-

ability Living Allowance or the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement can simply exchange this weekly payment – currently around £50 a week – for a new car through Motability. Insurance, servicing, RAC breakdown assistance and replacement tyres are also included.

Punchy

Other vehicles available with no Advance Payment include the punchy Peugeot 308 HDi 92 Active and the reliable Hyundai i20 1.4 CRDi Comfort.

A wide range of greener vehicles with emissions of 120 grams of CO₂ per km or less, are available including the sporty SEAT Leon 1.6TDI Ecomotive S Copa and the economical SKODA Fabia 1.2TDI GreenLine II. Both are available with no Advance Payment.

Mike Betts, chief executive, Motability Operations explains: "This is our first Price Guide following the streamlining of the Scheme's range which was announced in October 2011. Despite

the reduction in the size of the list, the most popular cars chosen by Motability customers, including automatics, estates and diesels continue to be available and there are hundreds of cars that have no Advance Payment."

From January 2012, the core range of vehicles from Motability all have an Advance Payment of £2,000 or below, together with diesel, estate and automatic versions of those models.

This means that the most popular cars continue to be offered, such as the "WHATCAR? of the Year 2011" – the Audi A1 1.2TFSI SE – available at £199 Advance Payment. Other models, such as the popular Volkswagen Golf 1.2TSi 105 S, with air conditioning, and the spacious Honda New Civic 1.4i-VTEC SE are both available at £299 Advance Payment.

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Forester a worthy winner of accolade

IT really didn't come as any surprise to me that the recently revamped Subaru Forester was named 'Junior Crossover of the Year' by specialist off-roading magazine, Total 4x4.

The go-anywhere, family friendly Forester, which is now available with a choice of extensively revised petrol and diesel Boxer engines, faced competition from the likes of a Toyota Urban Cruiser, Suzuki SX4 and Skoda Octavia Scout.

However, thanks to its sure-footed Symmetrical All-Wheel-Drive configuration, car-like driving dynamics and exceptional practicality, judges singled out the Japanese crossover for the highest praise.

The panel of experts at Total 4x4 magazine said of the Forester: "Typically of Subaru, the Forester does very good things without making a fuss of it. The combination it offers of quality, value, practical usability and driving talent makes it very hard indeed to beat."

"The Forester has always been a star in its own corner of the market, and heavily revised petrol and diesel engines means it now shines brighter than ever."

The 2.0-litre Boxer diesel Forester range, which returns an impressive 47.9 mpg combined, starts at £23,070 (on-the-road) for the entry-level 2.0D X, rising to £25,070 for the 2.0D XC, and £29,070 for the range-topping 2.0D XS NavPlus.

Automatic

Customers preferring petrol power have a choice of two models – the Forester 2.0X and 2.0XS, costing £21,370 and £25,370 respectively in manual guise. Automatic versions are available at a £1,000 premium.

Revisions to the 2.0-litre petrol model see its average economy go up from 32.8mpg to 37.7mpg. CO2 emissions reduced from 199g/km to 173g/km, which is enough to put the new Forester five company car tax bands lower than its predecessor.

The changes contribute to upping fuel economy from 44.8mpg to 47.9mpg and CO2 from 167g/km to 155g/km, dropping the car two tax bands.

The Forester also got some minimal styling tweaks including changes to the front grille and the instruments also see a change.

I recently drove the diesel and that's why I was not surprised at the award. This is a car perfectly

By Sharon Walters

suited to my needs, living down a dirt track and spending much of my motoring on B roads in Shropshire complete with floods and (usually!) icy roads.

The permanent four-wheel drive is a positive boon helping boost traction and coupled with good suspension, there's any feeling from the bumps on my dirt track or many of those B roads.

This engine is smooth in all respects with little noise or vibration inside and in addition there's little wind or road noise.

Inside it's not luxurious, but then I didn't expect it to be, but it had everything I needed with sound build quality and the instruments were well laid out.

You get excellent all-round vision with plenty of head and legroom in front and in the back with a wide range of seat and steering wheel adjustment to help drivers of different sizes get comfortable.

Quality

There's a decent-sized boot and extending it is easy, as I found out when moving a desk, because the rear seats are spring-loaded, released just by levers.

Specification across the range is good and includes self-levelling rear suspension, climate control, heated front seats and a quality sound system.

All Foresters come with a three-year or 60,000-mile warranty plus 12-year anti-rust cover and three-year paintwork warranty.

This is in addition to three years membership of Subaru Assistance – a comprehensive home and road-side repair and recovery package throughout the UK and Europe, administered by Mondial Assistance.

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The revised Forester comes with a range of Boxer engines and offers great versatility



The instruments are well-laid out and the vision is excellent

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Winger in new deal to remain at Walsall

WALSALL winger James Baxendale has signed a new contract that will tie him to the Banks's Stadium for the next 18 months.

The talented 20-year-old's previous terms were due to expire in the summer, but the Saddlers have acted quickly to secure the player for next season.

The young Yorkshireman went to the club after leaving Doncaster at the end of last season and came through the youth ranks at Leeds, also serving non-league Buxton and Hereford United on loan.

Baxendale has scored three goals in 23 appearances for Dean Smith's men over the course of this campaign and the manager believes he's a "great prospect".

Smith said: "James has displayed outstanding character. He's had a good run in the team and scored some impressive goals so far."

"He's a great personality and has a real zest for football. It's a pleasure to have him around the place and I am delighted that he has agreed this new deal, as he is a great prospect."

Baxendale has started the last two games but insists he won't rest on his laurels after extending his stay.

He said: "This is a good club and I am really enjoying my time here. I want to really kick on."

Ex-Lockman dies aged 48

WILLENHALL TOWN are mourning the death of former player Ian Wells.

He died on Saturday at the age of 48 and leaves two sons, Aidan and Sam.

Striker Ian and his brother David both played for the Lockmen, while Ian also appeared for Gresley Rovers, Chasetown, Marston and Hereford United.

He was at Edgar Street between 1985 and 1987, making 71 appearances and scoring 19 times for the Bulls in all competitions.

His goals included one against Arsenal in the 1985 Milk (League) Cup and he also scored against his home town club Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Willenhall's joint manager Josh Skidmore said: "Ian was a great centre-forward, and was a big part of the successful Marston side. He will be sorely missed, and our thoughts are with his family."



Martin Gethin, right, works to the body of Ben Murphy



Gethin celebrates his win with the title belt



Christopher Keane, right, stops Shane McPhilbin for the area title

GETHIN TAKES TITLE ON HOME GROUND

MARTIN GETHIN was crowned the new British lightweight champion in front of a raucous home crowd at Walsall Town Hall while hometown compatriot Christopher Keane also won a title.

Gethin got the job done against Ben Murphy while Jason Welborn of Rowley Regis could not – halted in seven rounds by British welterweight champion Frankie Gavin.

Keane's hammering in three rounds of Shane McPhilbin, a former British cruiserweight champ, made him new area boss taking the vacant Midlands belt.

That was a bonus after Gethin pressure told on Hove's Murphy, an ex-British title challenger at light-welterweight, with a stoppage win in the ninth.

Gethin shook Murphy in the second with a right hook forcing his opponent back on his toes but then had to prove his own mettle as Murphy bounced out for the next session.

Advantage

Murphy's left and right hooks hit home but Gethin didn't flinch and his title rival lost heart, knowing he couldn't seriously hurt him.

In the sixth Gethin used his reach, exploiting a five-and-a-half-inch height advantage to pepper Murphy with the jab as he looked for openings.

That forced the finish in the ninth as Murphy was trapped and faced a barrage of shots as he tried to escape, forcing referee Marcus McDonnell to jump in.

Before that, Keane was up against ex-sparring partner McPhilbin. The two trained together before the Bulwell fighter won the British title.

Keane scented blood as he hurt McPhilbin with a left hook to the ribs, taking a lot

by Craig Birch

of wind out of the Nottingham man early on.

McPhilbin was floored in the third by a right uppercut to the jaw but gamely answered the count before visiting the canvas again, twice, through body shots.

Referee Robert Chalmers gave him a fair chance to regroup but pulled him out after a pasting from Keane.

Two first-round stoppages came before BoxNation cameras went live, with Cannock's Dave Egan and Birmingham super-middleweight Andrew Robinson making a statement.

'Handsome Dave,' a former amateur at Walsall Wood ABC, fought Ricky Stock at light-welterweight and brought his guard down with hooks on the gloves, the precursor to a knockout right that laid out his foe.

Leamington Spa's John Mason had no answer to Robinson's hooks to the body and went down three times, the last three seconds before the end of the session.

As the BoxNation broadcast went live, Stafford's Grant Cunningham stepped up to six rounds and beat Mitch Mitchell.

Cunningham put him down with a right hook to the body in the fourth round, but 'Mad' Mitchell survived to the end.



Just champion – Martin Gethin celebrates winning the British lightweight title as beaten rival Ben Murphy applauds

Youthful athletics chances

THE race is on to discover a star athlete thanks to a new development programme.

Wolverhampton City Council has teamed up with Wolverhampton and Bilston Athletics Club to stage the Junior Athletics Development Programme.

Training provided by qualified coaches over a five-week period at the end of February will see children aged seven to 14 take part in disciplines including sprints, hurdles, the high jump and hammer throw.

Those completing the course successfully get a year's free membership to Wolverhampton and Bilston AC.

The project is at Aldersley Leisure Village's indoor sports hall on Thursdays February 28 and March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 5pm-6pm.

Places for the full programme cost £17.50 and can be reserved by completing an application form at www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/communitydevelopment

Wood try again in big Vase tie

WALSALL WOOD'S big home FA Vase tie against London side Hanworth Villa fell victim to the snow and ice on Saturday.

The teams take another crack at staging the tie this Saturday.

Cricket club AGM

RUSHALL Cricket Club's AGM is at the club house in Pelsall Lane tomorrow (7.30pm). All members are asked to attend, and new players are also invited. For details or queries, call Paul Hopkinson on 07976 621825.

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